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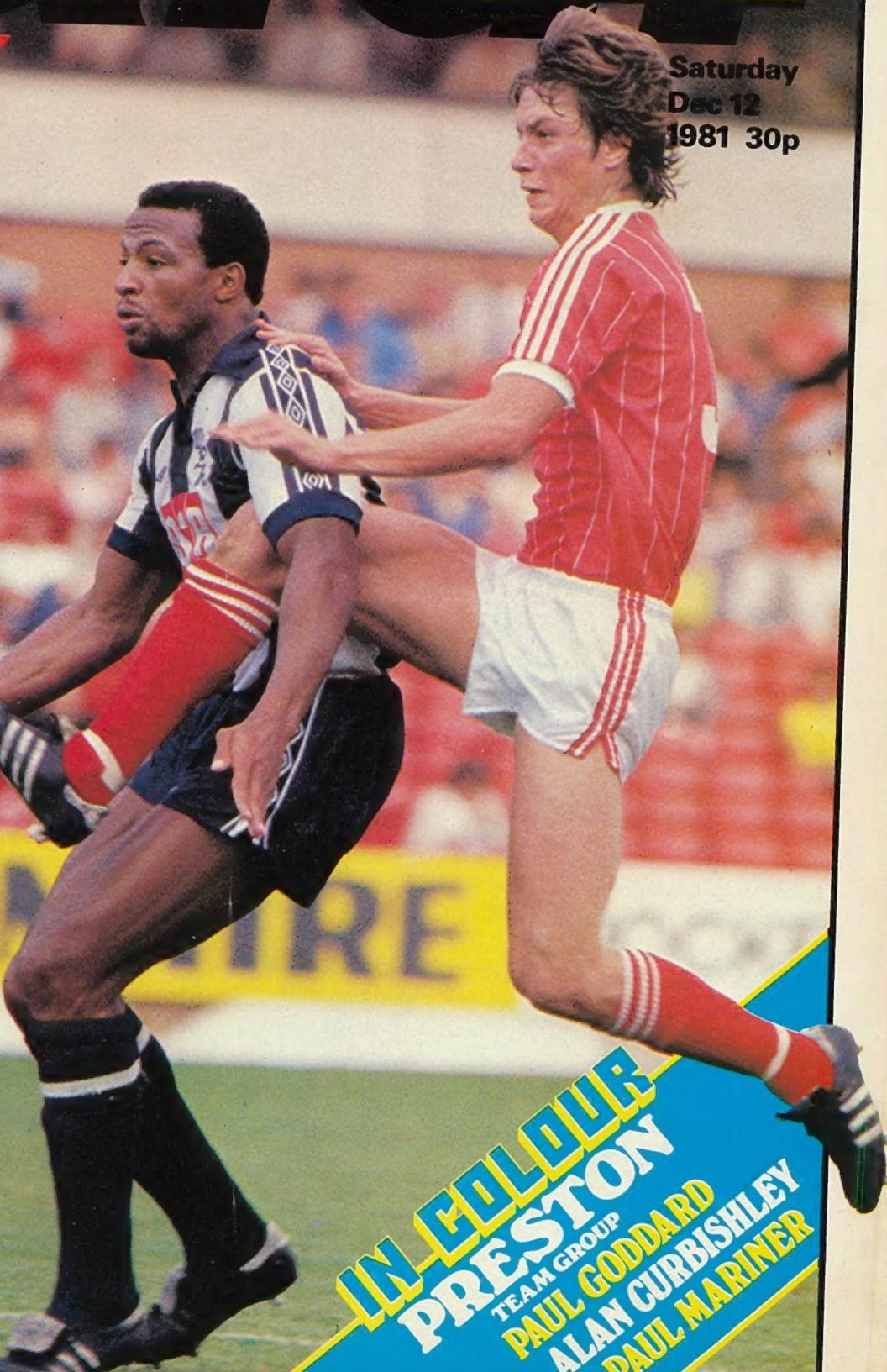
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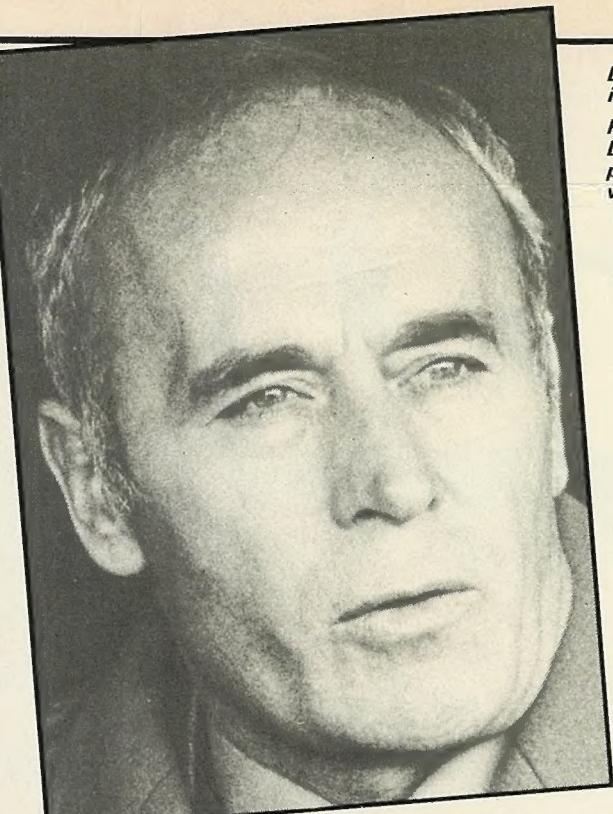
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Brom's in-form striker Cyrille
Regis comes under pressure from
Nottingham Forest's Stuart Gray.



Left: Villa manager Ron Saunders — "He had no intention of playing me," claims Andy Blair.

Right: Eamonn Deacy (left) in action against Leicester's Norman Leet — he came into the side in preference to Andy Blair when Dennis Mortimer was injured.

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Andy, who moved from Coventry to Villa Park for £300,000 in the close season, admitted: "I've been completely out of the picture at Villa. It's best for both of us if we part company."

"I thought losing in the semi-final of last season's League Cup against West Ham was bad but this has been much worse."

"If there had been a fighting chance of me getting a first team place at Villa I'd have wanted to stay, but I just couldn't see that happening."

"The manager Ron Saunders had no intention of playing me in the team," claims Andy, who has played just two full League games this season.

"I knew when I arrived that the manager had bought me to strengthen the squad and I'd have to fight for my first team place. I accepted that and was prepared to wait for my chance."

"But things came to a head when skipper Dennis Mortimer was injured in the League Cup tie against Leicester."

"I fully expected to take his place in the first team, but the manager opted for Eamonn Deacy, who had been training with the reserves all season."

"I've got no hard feelings towards Eamonn because he's done really well since taking over from Dennis. I just thought I was playing well enough to get a chance."

"Even when things were going badly for the team, I wasn't given a run in the side."

Andy refuses to get involved in a public slanging match with the Villa manager, although he admits that there was a heated exchange of words when the two met to discuss the matter.

"He said that I hadn't been training hard enough, but that's ridiculous. I just feel that I wasn't given a chance."

"It's the manager's job to tell me where I stand. If he doesn't like my style or ability then that's fair enough. It's better I go quickly."

"I'm not a cry-baby. I just feel that I need first team football. Reserve team football can destroy your career."



EXCLUSIVE

Young international star Andy Blair talks exclusively to Match writer Anthony Hawkswell about his ill-fated transfer to Aston Villa and tells why he decided he had to get away.

Below: Andy Blair — "Even when things were going badly for Villa I wasn't given a chance".

AT VILLA

says

Andy Blair

"The lads in the reserves have been great to me, but I feel I must have first team football to enhance my career."

"If you stay in second team football too long, people will forget about you," added Andy.

Andy hopes that his brush with Aston Villa hasn't given him a 'bad boy' tag.

"I'm no trouble-maker. All I want to do is play good football in a first team. I just hope clubs will judge me on my ability and not what's happened between me and the manager."

Despite his trials and tribulations, Andy says: "It was my decision to move and I can't go back on that. It just didn't work out for me."

"It has made me realise how well I was treated at Coventry. Moving to a different club enables you to make comparisons."

"I'm dedicated to football so my disappointment at Villa has hit me very hard. I'd have loved to have been involved in Villa's

European Cup and League Cup triumphs this season.

"But fortunately I'm young enough to get over it. The best thing that can come out of this is that I'll have learnt something from it. It's an experience I never want to repeat."

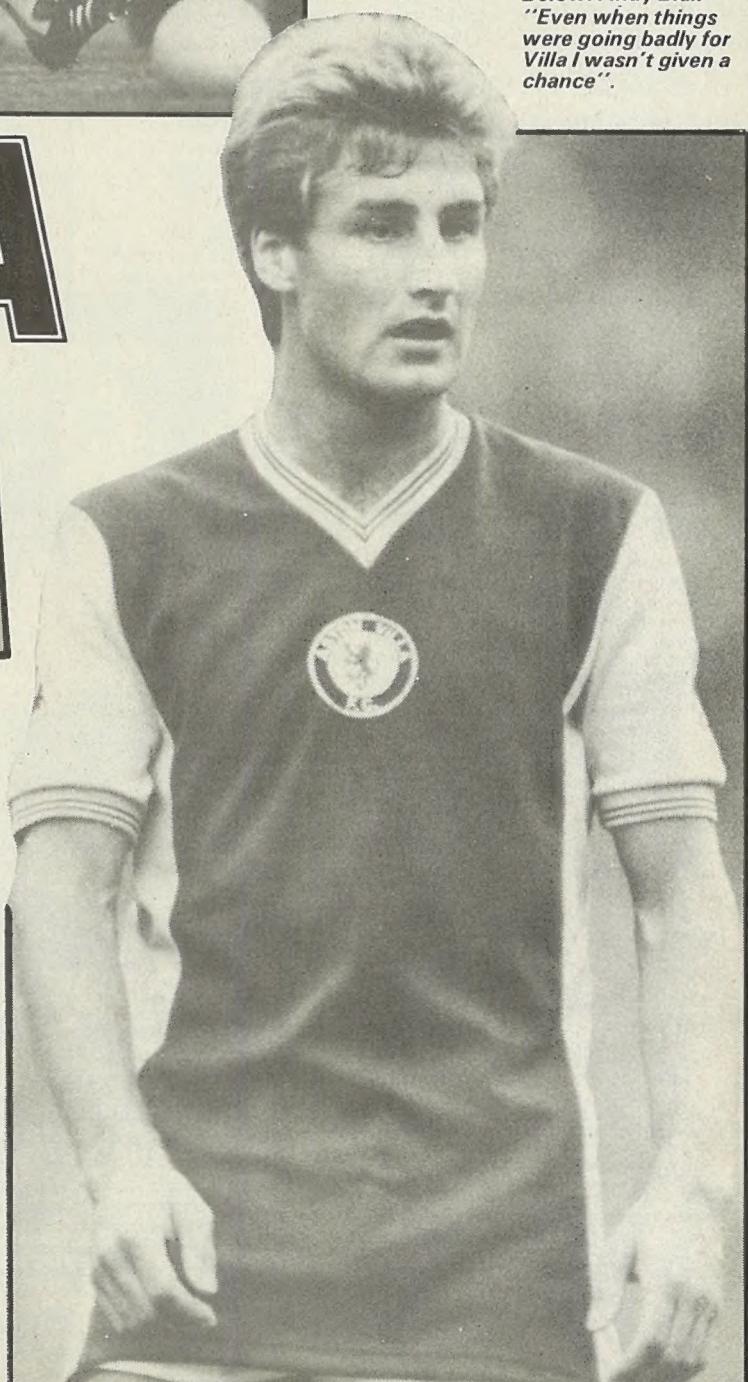
Andy believes that Aston Villa are now on the right lines after a shaky start to the season and will continue to rise up the First Division.

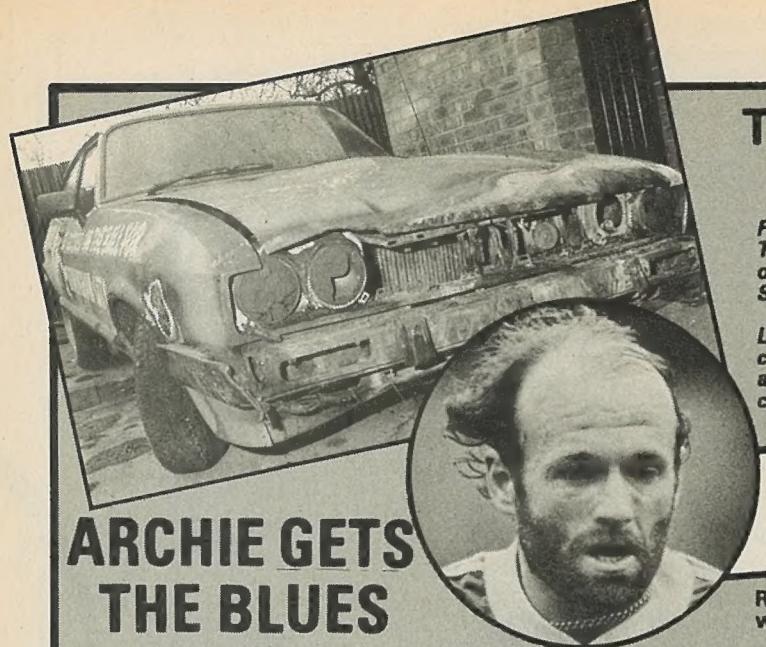
"The team have a bright future ahead of them. They've got a lot of good players and I wish them well. There are no hard feelings between me and the players."

"I think their bad start was a backlash to winning the League Championship. Teams were coming to Villa Park determined to win. They were prepared to roll up their sleeves and fight."

"The fact that they were playing the League Champions gave them an extra edge."

"But I believe Villa are over the worst and they can only improve."





ARCHIE GETS THE BLUES

THIS was all Birmingham skipper Archie Gemmill needed after a 3-0 home defeat by Midlands rivals Wolves.

His car was gutted by fire as he drove home to Derby after the match, but fortunately both himself and Birmingham team-mate Colin Todd escaped injury.

Taylor-made for Cambridge

FORMER West Ham striker Alan Taylor has rejoined Second Division Cambridge after leaving them earlier this year.

Alan, whose two goals helped West Ham lift the FA Cup against Fulham in 1976, had his contract with Cambridge cancelled in February this year.

But, after a season with Vancouver Whitecaps, Alan has returned to Cambridge for £100,000 and his first appearance of the season came against Norwich, another of his former clubs.

Thomson returns — to Stafford

FORMER England defender Bobby Thomson has taken over as manager of Alliance Premier Division side Stafford Rangers.

The ex-Birmingham, Wolves and Luton full-back has been playing and coaching in America with Memphis and Connecticut since winding up his career at Port Vale.

Ex-manager plays again

REMEMBER Wolves and Leicester winger John Farrington . . . ?

Well, he's now playing for Leicester Senior League side Shepshed Charterhouse after resigning as manager of A. P. Leamington.

Shepshed are managed by former Nottingham Forest and Derby striker Frank Wignall and coached by ex-Manchester United and England winger Ian Storey-Moore.

A touch of diplomacy

DAVID Bradford, back in England after a spell with Washington Diplomats, capped his home debut for Coventry with a brilliant 25-yard goal in the 3-0 home defeat of Stoke City.

FAIR ENOUGH

MORE than 1,000 avid programme collectors will converge on the Ivanhoe Hotel, Bloomsbury Street, London, on Sunday, January 3, for the giant 'New Year Programme Fair.'

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The fair is open between 10.30am and 4pm.

Keeper goes East

THE latest player to move to Hong Kong is Norwich goalkeeper Roger Hansbury.

He has gone on loan with the Eastern club with the hope of earning a permanent position in the country where former Arsenal striker Charlie George is making a new career.

Blackburn bolstered

BLACKBURN have strengthened their promotion bid from the Second Division by signing two First Division players.

Wolves striker Norman Bell, who collected the nickname 'super sub' after his scoring exploits in the FA Cup last season, has moved for £70,000.

And he has been joined by Sunderland midfield player Kevin Arnott, who, after failing to gain a place at Roker Park, has joined Rovers on a month's loan.

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Past and present United greats line up before Sammy McIlroy's testimonial. Back row (left to right): Gerry Daly, Tommy Docherty, Gordon Hill, Jim Holton, Alex Stepney, Brian Greenhoff, Jimmy Greenhoff, Dave McCreery. Front: Arthur Albiston, Stuart Pearson, Lou Macari, Sammy McIlroy, Jimmy Nicholl.

Happy Sammy

IT'S been quite a time for celebration by Manchester United's Sammy McIlroy.

After leading Northern Ireland to victory over Israel and a place in the World Cup Finals, the midfield player collected around £30,000 from his testimonial game at Old Trafford.

Tommy Docherty, recently sacked at Preston, returned to lead the 1977 FA Cup winning side in a match against Ron Atkinson's current team.

It ended in a 4-4 draw with Jimmy Greenhoff, now with Port Vale, scoring twice. Frank Stapleton and Bryan Robson also scored two each.

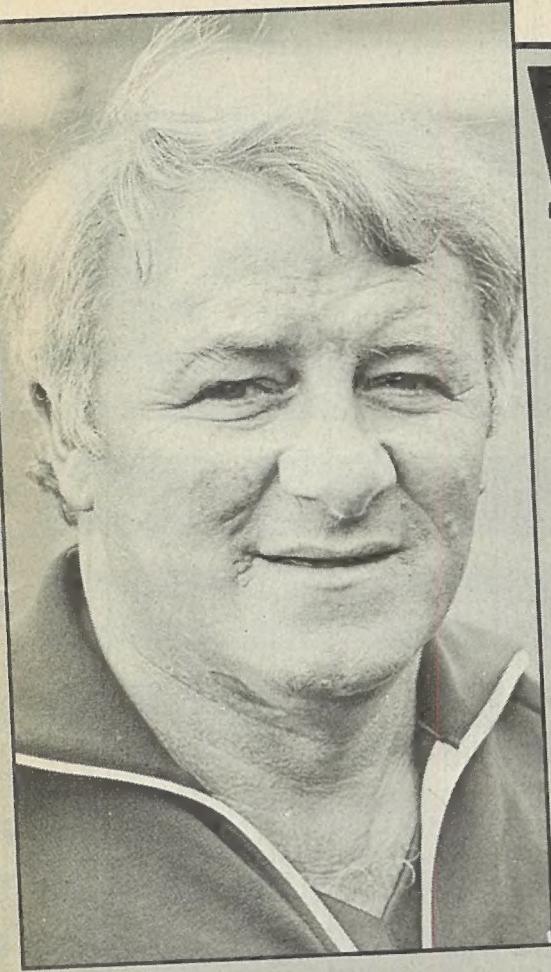
Ups and downs of Cowans

GORDON Cowans, Aston Villa's England Under-21 international, had one of those topsy-turvy games footballers endure now and again in the 3-3 draw at Middlesbrough.

He was at the centre of a controversial penalty incident which led to a Middlesbrough equaliser.

Then he put Villa 2-1 ahead only to present Middlesbrough substitute Billy Ashcroft with a gift equaliser late on to earn his struggling side a point.

Billy's appearance as a substitute for Billy Woof proved a tactical triumph for Boro manager Bobby Murdoch as the former Wrexham striker popped up with two quick goals after Villa had stormed into a 3-1 lead.



Tommy Docherty — tells of a fracas in the Wembley toilets.

What's up, Doc?

COLOURFUL Tommy Docherty gave Manchester United the FA Cup ... they gave him the sack.

Tommy, who only last week was sacked by his latest club Preston, gives his own version of his sensational departure from United in his autobiography 'Call The Doc'.

The former Scotland manager tells of how he was beaten up by football hooligans at Stockport Station and his arguments with former United favourite Denis Law.

It's compelling reading as any story about The Doc and he doesn't pull any

punches.

Tommy tells how he nearly came to blows with former Scottish international defender Pat Crerand in the toilets after United had been beaten in the 1976 FA Cup Final against Southampton.

The book is bang up to date and he relives the horror of October's court case at the Old Bailey when he was acquitted on a charge of perjury.

'Call The Doc' is published by Hamlyn and the hardback edition costs £5.95.

Liverpool in the driving seat

A LIVERPOOL player could be the proud owner of a brand new Toyota car after this weekend's unofficial World Club Championship clash with Brazil's Flamenco in Tokyo.

That's the extravagant award on offer to the man of the match in Sunday's Japanese showdown between the European Champions and their South American adversaries.

Nacional's Waldemar Victorino collected a Toyota Celica after scoring the goal that ended Nottingham Forest's hopes of the prestigious trophy last February.

Liverpool, whose First Division encounter with Birmingham was brought forward a few days to enable them to compete, will no doubt be thankful that the game is on neutral territory.

For in the South American play-off between Flamenco and Chile's Cobreloa, no fewer than five men were sent off in an explosive clash in Uruguay.

Liverpool can expect a financial guarantee of around £75,000 with possibly more to follow from gate receipts and television rights.

Match Chat

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

Kendall in a comeback

EVERTON boss Howard Kendall returned to First Division action recently almost seven years after playing his last game for the Merseyside club.

The 35-year-old former Blackburn player-manager decided the midfield required his experience and he helped the side to a 2-2 draw at Notts County.

GATHERING OF THE CLANS

FOR the first time, Scottish football supporters' call for an all 'tartan' Scotland team has been answered.

Andy Roxburgh, director of coaching and manager of the Scottish professional youth team, selected a squad of all Scottish-based players for the international with Northern Ireland which ended in a 4-0 win for the Scots.

Celtic and Rangers provided eight of the squad between them, and Aberdeen three.

"It was a real tribute to our youth coaching programme that we were able to complete a squad of this size without calling on players from English clubs," says Andy.

Robbo's not puffing now

NOTTINGHAM Forest winger John Robertson has stopped smoking to help his Scotland team-mates collect a £37,500 reward.

He's the only smoker in the World Cup squad who are backing an anti-smoking campaign.

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Paul Mariner — "The best is yet to come from our partnership."

Crazy

IPSWICH just cannot afford to lose a player like Alan Brazil. That was my immediate reaction after I learned that my Scottish striking partner had asked for a transfer.

YOU ASK, PAUL ANSWERS



WENDY Gibson, 15, of Redcar, Cleveland, asks: "Is it true that you once played in a League Cup semi-final for Plymouth?"
PAUL: "Yes, that's true, Wendy. It was back in 1974 when we lost 3-1 on aggregate to Manchester City who went on to lose 2-1 in the final to Wolves."

Hopefully it was a heat of the moment move by Alan because it would be a big blow to the club's Championship ambitions if he were allowed to leave.

He has received criticism from various quarters, most of it constructive, but he obviously felt he was being made the scapegoat.

Deep down, I don't think he really wanted a transfer, but perhaps felt he had to make a stand.

In my book, I believe that over the past twelve months he has been the most improved player in the First Division.

No club could afford to lose a player of his calibre. With money as it is today, you just couldn't replace him.

I believe our partnership is still in the developing stage and that the best is yet to come, so that's why I want Alan to stay at Portman Road.

Alan relies more on skill than aggression and he is one of the deadliest finishers around, particularly with that lethal left foot.

We've had plenty of publicity recently about our so-called lean spell at Ipswich with people claiming that the team has lost its way.

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Russell was deeply hurt



YOUNG Russell Osman (above) was as surprised as most of us when he was left out of the England squad for the match with Hungary.

Like any true professional, he was deeply hurt by his omission although he tried to hide his true feelings.

There was not a lot one could say to him, but I'm sure he'll come bouncing back.

He's got a bright future ahead of him and I think this absence from the England squad will be merely a temporary setback.



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PAUL MARINER

Notts County are two that spring to mind.

The players are well aware that the team is not operating with the same fluency, yet we are still in the top three, so we can't be that bad.

Injuries during the season to players like Alan Brazil, Frans Thijssen and myself obviously upset the balance of the side, but we will still be there or thereabouts at the end of the season ... there's no fear of that.

Paul's golden goal — Page 35

It was a bitter disappointment for me to miss the home win over Manchester City.

I must have picked up a groin strain during the England game with Hungary, although I didn't realise it until after the match.

I aggravated the injury during the 2-0 defeat at Stoke, and, having never suffered a knock of this type, I'm not sure how long I may be affected.

On a happier note, George Burley has made a remarkable return to the First Division after a serious knee injury.

It's taken him a while to adjust to First Division football following a

year's absence after injuring his knee in the FA Cup tie with Shrewsbury last January.

But in my book, he is one of the best full-backs around and I hope he can recover his place in the Scotland squad in time for the World Cup Finals in Spain.

He's such a dedicated professional and, if at all possible, he'll be in Spain.

George is one of the best attacking full-backs around and he is always available on the right hand side of midfield.

He's also an excellent crosser of the ball and I haven't seen many wingers get the better of him over the years.

Looking ahead for a moment, the Russians are coming to Portman Road at the end of the season.

Moscow Dynamo, one of their top club sides, are to play us in a testimonial match for injury-plagued Kevin Beattie.

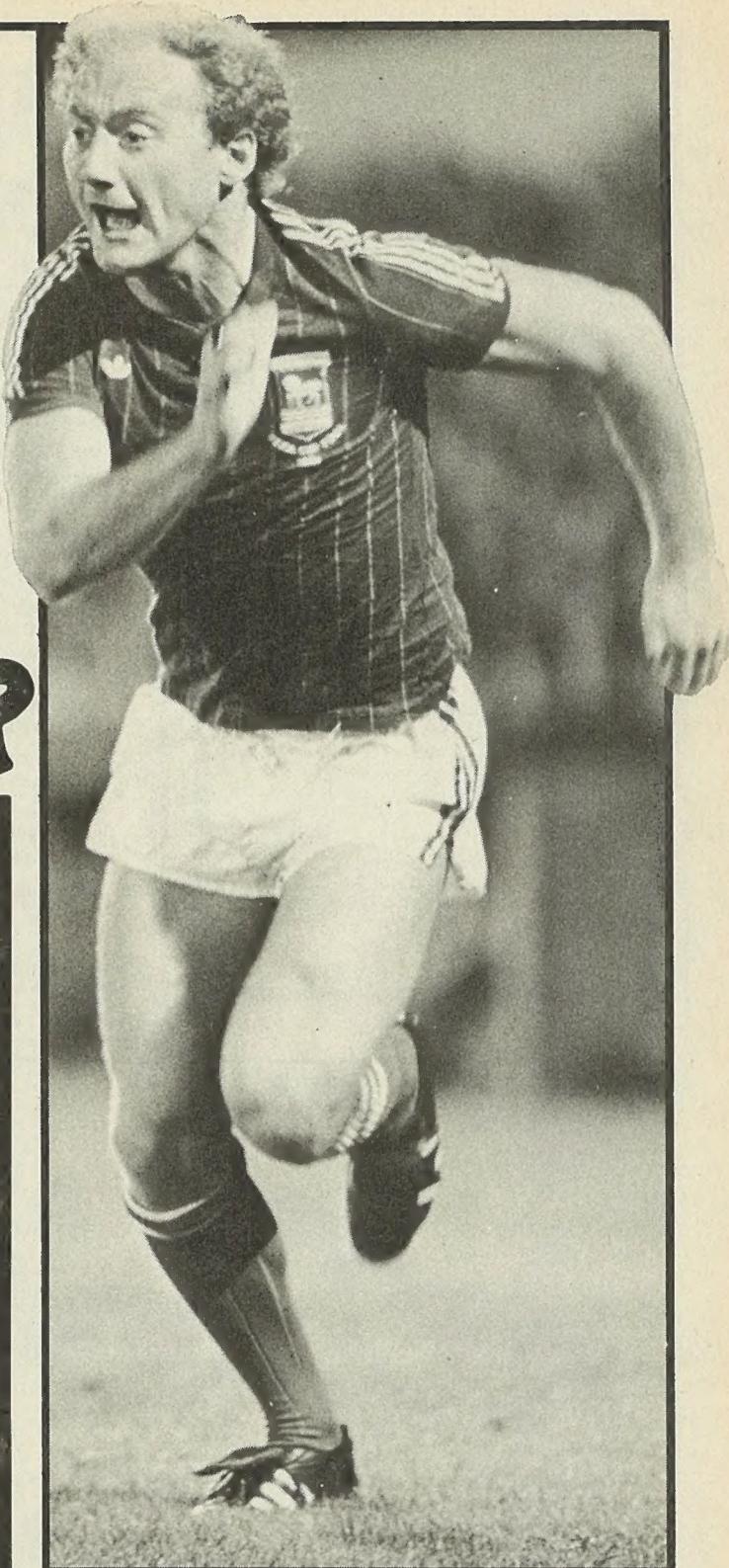
Apparently, they are also to play Wolves during their visit in a match for their long-serving striker John Richards.

I hope that Kevin will be fit enough to figure in the match.

It's a crying shame that he is having more problems with his damaged left knee in his testimonial season.

But knowing the character of Kevin, he will come bouncing back.

Right: Alan Brazil — Ipswich just couldn't afford to lose a player of his calibre.



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2. Who scored Everton's extra-time winner against Southampton in the fifth round replay at Goodison Park?
3. What was the score when Exeter beat Newcastle in their fifth round replay?
4. Who was the Wolves sub who shattered Wrexham with two goals in the fifth round?
5. Manchester City's match-winner in the fifth round at Peterborough has since left the club. Can you name him?
6. At which London ground did Enfield replay their fourth round tie with Barnsley?
7. Two West Country strikers scored hat-tricks in the Cup last season. One was Torquay's Gerry Fell. Who was the other?
8. Who knocked the F.A. Cup holders out last season?
9. Who were the two Tottenham defenders who scored the goals that ended Exeter's Cup run last season?
10. Who put Liverpool out of the Cup last season?

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- 2 Ken Knighton
- 3 Billy Elliott
- 4 Bob Stokoe
- 5 Mike Smith

- a) Hull City
- b) Darlington
- c) Carlisle
- d) Orient
- e) Gillingham

PLAYER JUMBLE

THIS striker was one of the World Cup heroes in the British Isles recently.

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SOCCEWORD

Across

1. Bradford City's ground (6,6)
8. He was Hull City's top scorer last season, but then he returned to his first club, Sheffield United (7)
9. See 19 across.
10. Gillingham's top scorer in the last two seasons, he has been topping their lists again this time (5)
11. He was a key ever-present in Aston Villa's championship side (6)
12. A bit of a boot! (4)
13. The difference between a League win in England and one in Scotland (5)
18. — McCreadie, former Chelsea chief (5)
- 19 & 9 across. In all, he has made nearly 300 appearances for Swansea, although he broke off for a spell with Leeds (4,6)
20. A three-point goal (6)
22. The 1981 Division Four Manager of the Season for his success with Southend (5)

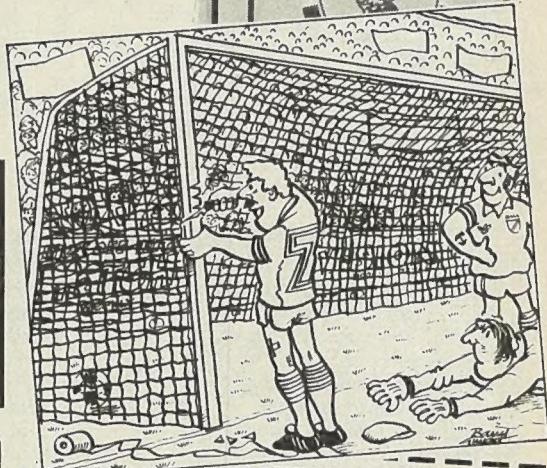
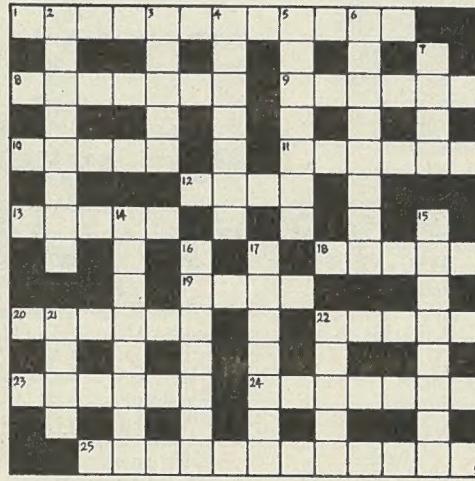
23. — Glavin, Barnsley's goal-grabber (6)
24. This forward was QPR's close-season buy from Brighton (7)
25. 'Up WBA? Rash lad!' (anagram) — well, it's not his team actually, but he's not far away, having played for Wolves since 1977 (4,8)

Down

2. He has managed Middlesbrough, Doncaster and Bolton (8)
3. Noble-sounding former Fulham and Leicester striker who later spent some time at Tulsa (5)
4. 'Kop test' (anagram) — a well-known striker (7)
5. The name that comes before Villa (7)
6. When they won the European Cup-Winners' Cup, Borussia — beat West Ham in the semi-final and Liverpool in the final (8)

manager in three spells (7)

17. 'A German' (anagram) — he's the boss! (7)
21. A hard-tackling defender is often nicknamed 'The Man' (4)
22. Mickey — Southend defender (5)



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CUP QUIZ: 1. Dennis Tueart; 2. Eamonn O'Keeffe; 3-4. Ronnie Bell; 5. Tommy Booth; 6. White Hart Lane; 7. Tony Adams; 8. Graeme Souness; 9. Graham Roberts and Paul Nuttall; 10. Eric Brown; 11. Alan Curtis; 12. Steve McManaman; 13. Michael Young and Ray Wilkins; 14. Steve Tosh; 15. Alan Shearer; 16. David Platt; 17. Alan Shearer; 18. Michael Laudrup; 19. Alan Shearer; 20. Steve McManaman; 21. Alan Shearer; 22. Steve McManaman; 23. Alan Shearer; 24. Steve McManaman; 25. Paul Gascoigne; 26. Michael Laudrup; 27. Alan Shearer; 28. Steve McManaman; 29. Michael Laudrup; 30. Alan Shearer; 31. Steve McManaman; 32. Michael Laudrup; 33. Alan Shearer; 34. Michael Laudrup; 35. Alan Shearer; 36. Steve McManaman; 37. Michael Laudrup; 38. Alan Shearer; 39. Michael Laudrup; 40. Alan Shearer; 41. Michael Laudrup; 42. Alan Shearer; 43. Michael Laudrup; 44. Alan Shearer; 45. Michael Laudrup; 46. Alan Shearer; 47. Michael Laudrup; 48. Alan Shearer; 49. Michael Laudrup; 50. Alan Shearer; 51. 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GOALS FOR SALE

GEOFF Fell, the Penrith goalscorer hero against Chester, hopes the club's FA Cup exploits will land him a return ticket to League soccer.

The 21-year-old salesman was dumped out of the Football League by Carlisle United after graduating through the apprentice ranks and he's keen for another chance.

"I was given a free transfer after spending three years at the club and, with no other club interested, I had no option but to get a job outside football," says Geoff, whose 63rd minute strike against Chester provided him with the most important goal of his life.

"I only made six appearances as

substitute for Carlisle and I don't think I was given a fair crack of the whip.

"In the season I was released (1979-80), I scored 35 goals in the reserves. I know it was only Lancashire League stuff, but that amount of goals in any league isn't bad."

"I felt I could have done a fair job for Carlisle given the chance."

"So if ever the opportunity came again, I would jump at the chance."

That's why young Geoff will be hoping for another headline-grabbing performance at Doncaster.

"I was disappointed with Chester's performance. We had enough clear-cut

chances to have won by more than one goal.

"I still keep playing that winning goal over in my mind, and it would be nice to produce it again at Doncaster."

"It's going to be a tough test at Doncaster. If we had been drawn at home I would be very confident of getting a result."

"But we've just got to go out there and battle in the hope of getting at least a replay."

"This Cup run has really put the club on the map. Only a few years ago, Penrith were regarded as a run of the mill Northern League side, but now we are respected and even our League rivals are looking up to us now."

ALL THE WAY TO WEMBLEY PRIDE

THE name of Penrith aptly sums up the magical appeal of the FA Cup.



MATCH Weekly is on the FA Cup trail with tiny Penrith.

We've adopted the homely Northern League side, who caused one of the major shocks in the First Round with a 1-0 defeat of Third Division Chester.

Should they fall at the Second Round hurdle at Doncaster

this weekend, then we shall follow Billy Bremner's Third Division side into the next round.

And we shall continue to adopt a side in every round right up to the big Wembley showdown next May.

So this week, the spotlight falls on Penrith . . .

It's hardly a name synonymous with football — beyond the borders of Cumbria where there are more sheep than soccer fans!

But this Northern League side of postmen, factory workers, builders and salesmen are bidding to make this picturesque tourist haven equally noted for its Cup exploits as well as its historic monuments and idyllic landscapes.

And they've not made a bad start in their crusade for recognition.

Chester fell victims of the "Pirates of Penrith" in the First Round, the Third Division strugglers being unable to combat the commitment and pride of the swashbuckling non-Leaguers in their tiny ground nestling at the foot of the Cumbrian hills.

Now the history-making Cumbrians — they had never been in the first round — are on the march to Doncaster, where they hope to line the coffers as well as produce a performance that will make their few hundred faithfuls glow with pride.

Whatever the outcome of their trip into the unknown, manager Brian Williams, a local newsagent who is now making the news as well as selling it, feels they have already composed a sad commentary on the state of football in the lower divisions.

If ever there was a statement to rub salt in the wounds of an embarrassed 'giant', then the former Carlisle and Darlington player provides it by saying: "We never had to raise our game to beat Chester 1-0

"In fact, I was disappointed with our performance. We have played a lot better in Northern League matches this season."

PENRITH'S LINE-UP

GOALKEEPER

MIKE McMULLEN: Former Birmingham apprentice from Workington who is now a railway worker. He's in his second season with Penrith.

DEFENDERS

IAN WILSON: A building worker from Carlisle who is in his second season with the club.

KEITH GLOVER: Workington-based player who is currently unemployed. He was signed this season to strengthen the defence.

RON CARRUTHERS: A Carlisle railway worker who once spent a trial period with Ipswich.

LAURIE COULTHARD: Comes

from the famous Gretna in Scotland and is in his second spell with the club. He is a factory worker.

MIDFIELD

KEITH SAWYERS: One of two players in the squad with Football League experience. He played a few games for Carlisle but is now a clerk. He's in his second season with the club.

NICKY GASH: A factory worker from Carlisle who is in his second season with the club.

ALLAN CARRUTHERS: Brother of central defender Ron. He was an apprentice at Coventry but is now a postman in the Carlisle area.

STRIKERS

GEOFF SIMPSON: A chemist who was once on the books of Carlisle without breaking into the first team. He's in his second season with the club.

GEOFF FELL: The goalscorer hero against Chester in the first round. He's a salesman who was formerly an apprentice with Carlisle and made a few League appearances as substitute.

WILLIE ARMSTRONG: A factory worker from the Carlisle area who is in his second season with the club.

SUBSTITUTE

MICK SKELTON: Another factory worker from Carlisle who joined the club two seasons ago.

THE Penrith squad.
BACK ROW (left to right): Brian Williams (manager), Ronnie Carruthers, Mike Skelton, Geoff Fell, Marshall Monkhouse, Mike McMullen, Keith Glover, Allan Carruthers, Willie Gill (coach).
FRONT ROW: Nicky Gash, Willie Armstrong, Laurie Coulthard (captain), Ian Wilson, Keith Sawyers, Geoff Simpson.



OF PENRITH

"Most of our key player were below par yet we still produced enough to defeat a Third Division side."

"I think our win just underlines the sad state of football in this country."

"When a non-League side produces a victory over League opposition, it is now no longer a shock. People seem to expect it."

"I realistically expected to beat Chester. I saw them in a recent game at Burnley and I felt our pace up front would upset their rather pedestrian defence."

"If I could have my players training with me for twenty or thirty hours a week, I hope the team would reach much higher standards than what is being displayed at times in the lower divisions."

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Delighted

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But Brian, who began rebuilding the club three seasons ago, realises a stiffer test faces his cock-a-hoop side away from their homely headquarters.

"It would have been nice to have been drawn at home, but we've had four home ties so far so we can't really complain," he says.

"But if someone had told me six weeks ago that we would be drawn away to Doncaster in the second round, I would have been more than delighted."

"If we can get organised then there is no reason why we can't give a good account of ourselves."

"I would be more than happy with a draw, but having played on the big Doncaster pitch, I believe that will prove a help to us."

"Yes, I shall be delighted with a draw, and a little more delighted if we win."

Penrith's FA Cup run

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|----------------------------|
| Rossendale (home) | 2-1 | (Fell, A. Carruthers) |
| Chorley (away) | 1-0 | (Armstrong) |
| Droylsden (home) | 3-2 | (Gash, Sawyers, Armstrong) |
| Northwich (Home) | 1-0 | (Simpson) |
| Chester (home) | 1-0 | (Fell) |

● Stories by Melvyn Beck

Reaching this stage of one of the world's most prestigious competitions is the culmination of three seasons' hard graft in which Brian has played a major part in reviving the club.

"When I came here from Netherfield three years ago, the club was in a very sorry state. The turnover in players was ridiculous and there was no pride in the place."

"With new chairman David Johnson, we have managed to transform the club, both on and off the field, to the extent where it is now a limited company with local businessmen involved."

"I went after players who had pride in pulling on the club shirt. I'm not interested in players who want to know what they are going to get before playing."

"We're not one of the best payers in the Northern League, but at least the players have pride in winning for the club."

"I tell my players that the club will look after them if they keep producing results."

"There are too many players who want to know in black and white what they will be getting before they are producing the

goods."

Brian, who once quit as manager of Penrith after less than a season because he felt the club wasn't organised properly, feels he is now on the right road to bringing the club Northern League honours.

"The strength of our squad can be gauged by the fact that I have seven Cumbrian county caps playing in the reserves at present," he says.

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Improving

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"It's when everything is going well in every aspect of the club that you have got to keep on improving things, otherwise you slip back."

"I just want the players to keep working at their game, keep their feet on the ground and retain the habit of winning. That's all one can ask at this level."

And with only one defeat this season and a League scalp on the shelf, who's to say they can't upset half-flying Donnie on Saturday.



Harford threat

NORTHAMPTON hope the appearance of Mick Harford (above) in the Bristol City attack won't bring a repeat of their last dice with the lanky striker.

Last season, he scored twice for Lincoln in an 8-0 thrashing of Northampton in a Fourth Division clash at Sincil Bank.

■ KETTERING skipper Sean Suddards couldn't believe his luck when he heard the second round draw.

For the Alliance Premier League club entertain his former Blackpool team in the second round.

■ TREVOR Senior's hat-trick for Dorchester in their first round replay victory over Minehead delayed his departure to League football.

The young striker is set to join Third Division Portsmouth for £20,000 once the Southern League club are out of the Cup.

PRIESHTON NORTH END



Back row (left to right): Brian Taylor, Andy McAtee, John Blackley, Mike Farrelly, Peter Litchfield, Roy Tunks, Don O'Riordan, John Anderson, Stephen Doyle.
Middle row: Ken Shellito (assistant manager), Stuart Wilcock, Neil Hanson, Stuart Flanagan, Chris Hanter, Mark Walsh, Danny Cameron, Simon Westwell, Peter Sayer, Francis Burns, Allan Kelly (reserve coach), Alan Spavin (youth development officer).
Front row: Paul McGee, Graham Houston, Jimmy Bell, Alex Bruce, Gordon Coleman, Tommy Docherty (ex-manager), Nick Baxter (now Middlebrough), Steve Elliott, Graham Bell, Ricky Thomson, Willie Naughton.

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weekly

ALAN CURBISHLEY

Birmingham City

Stratton on Saturday

Watch out

Wimbledon!

ENFIELD — toast of the non-League clubs in the FA Cup last season — are back on the Wembley trail again on Saturday.

And their home draw against struggling Third Division side Wimbledon gives them a great chance of progressing to the Third Round.

Last term, of course, Enfield went further than any other non-League team in the competition — finally bowing out at the hands of Barnsley in a Fourth Round replay at Spurs' White Hart Lane ground.

On the way, they beat both Hereford (2-0) and Port Vale (3-0 in a replay) so the message to Wimbledon is clear: 'Watch out!'

In fact, Enfield have already beaten 'The Dons' once in the competition — back in season 1977-78 when they also captured Northampton's scalp to progress to the Third Round.

And I'm backing them to do it again on Saturday and so put themselves into the hat with the big boys from the First Division.

The Second Round draw guarantees that at least one non-League club will be included in Saturday evening's draw, with Barnet at home to Wycombe.



Pictured left is my opponent this week — Alastair Elliott. Alastair's a Carlisle fan and his favourite player is 'Pop' Robson.

I've predicted scorelines for ten of Saturday's FA Cup clashes and the challenge is beat me if you can!

My special guest opponent this week is Alastair Elliott of Haltwistle, Northumberland, and you can see his predictions alongside mine in the special panel.

Points are awarded according to how accurate the forecasts are and, if Alastair manages to score more points than me, he wins £5!

If you would like the chance to see your predictions in print write in enclosing your name, age, address, home telephone number and a black and white photograph of yourself.

Send your entries to: Stratton on Saturday, Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough, PE3 8DJ.

• Bad luck William Drysdale — my guest opponent on Saturday, November 28 — who lost, five points to seven.

WIN £5

HERE are Paul Stratton's selected matches for this Saturday, together with those of his special guest opponent.

There's a space for you to fill in your forecasts and a column for the actual result.

Award yourself two points for every score you get right and one point if you get the result right (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline wrong.

Carry your points total forward each week.

BEAT PAUL'S PREDICTIONS

| MATCH | MY FORECAST | GUEST'S FORECAST | YOUR FORECAST | RESULT |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------|
| Aldershot v Oxford | 1-2 | 2-2 | | |
| Brentford v Colchester | 1-1 | 2-0 | | |
| Bristol C. v Northampton | 3-0 | 3-1 | | |
| Bury v Burnley | 2-0 | 1-1 | | |
| Chest'fld v Hudd'sfld | 2-1 | 2-1 | | |
| Crewe v Scunthorpe | 1-0 | 1-0 | | |
| Doncaster v Penrith | 3-0 | 2-0 | | |
| Enfield v Wimb'ldn | 2-1 | 1-1 | | |
| Hereford v Fulham | 1-3 | 1-3 | | |
| P'boro v Walsall | 2-1 | 1-2 | | |

WHO WON THIS WEEK?

POINTS SCORED

PAUL

YOURSELF

Aggregate scores carried forward to next week

PAUL

YOURSELF

FIXTURES

Saturday, Dec. 12
FA Cup Second Round

Aldershot v Oxford
Barnet v Wycombe
Brentford v Colchester
Bristol City v Northampton
Bury v Burnley
Carlisle v Bishop Auckland
Chesterfield v Huddersfield
Crewe v Scunthorpe
Dagenham v Millwall
Doncaster v Penrith
Dorchester v Bournemouth
Enfield v Wimbledon
Gillingham v Barking
Hereford v Fulham
Hull v Hartlepool
Kettering v Blackpool
Lincoln v Stockport
Peterborough v Walsall

Port Vale v Stockport
Rochdale v Hartlepool
Swindon v Sutton
York v Altrincham

DIVISION ONE
Arsenal v Middlesbrough
Aston Villa v West Brom
Coventry v Man. City
Ipswich v Brighton
Liverpool v Birmingham
Leeds v Spurs
Man. Utd v West Ham
Notts County v Stoke
Sunderland v Southampton
Swansea v Nott'm For
Wolves v Everton

DIVISION TWO
Blackburn v Rotherham
Charlton v Cambridge
Crystal Palace v Cardiff
Derby v Oldham

Grimsby v Shrewsbury
Leicester v Watford
Luton v Chelsea
Orient v Norwich
QPR v Barnsley
Sheff. Wed v Bolton
Wrexham v Newcastle

SCOTTISH PREMIER
Aberdeen v Rangers
Celtic v St Mirren
Dundee v Airdrie
Morton v Hibernian
Partick v Dundee Utd

FIRST DIVISION
Dumbarton v Queens Park
Falkirk v Dumferline
Hamilton v Clydebank
Hearts v Ayr
Kilmarnock v St Johnstone
Queen of S. v East Stirlingshire
Raith v Motherwell

SCOTTISH CUP, First Round
Arbroath v Meadowbank
Civil Service v Cowdenbeath
Fraserburgh v Inverness
Stenhousemuir v Berwick
Stirling v Clyde
Stranraer v East Fife

BLUES FANS LIFT TONY

MATCH throws the spotlight on Birmingham striker Tony Evans, who's just establishing himself in the first team . . . two years after joining the Midlands club.

BIRMINGHAM fans have helped their striker Tony Evans win his two-year battle for recognition at St Andrews.

Up to the end of last season, Tony had made over 30 League appearances for the club since moving to the Midlands from Cardiff in 1979.

And his future looked even bleaker with the close season arrival of Frank Worthington's former Bolton Wanderers striking partner Neil Whatmore.

Concerned

The 26-year-old was so concerned about his first team chances at the club that he refused to sign a new contract in the close season.

But this term, he's overshadowed his flamboyant twin striker Frank to become the club's goalscoring sensation.

Now he's among the First Division's leading goalscorers and repaying the fans who campaigned for his return.

"They chanted for my recall towards the end of last season when things weren't going too well and the regular strikers weren't scoring goals.

"I don't know whether their efforts influenced our manager Jim Smith but they certainly gave my confidence a big boost."

Tony scored seven goals at the end of last season and finished up among the club's top scorers.

"I didn't sign a new contract at first because I wasn't sure what the position would be when Neil arrived. I wasn't scared of fighting for my place at Birmingham, I just didn't want to be tied down if I couldn't get into the team."

He needn't have worried for he found himself in the side on the opening day of the season at Everton and scored six goals in Birmingham's first six games.

"It's been a very good start for me. I've waited nearly two years for a chance to prove myself in the First Division," added Tony, who has since signed a new contract with the club that expires at the end of the season.

"At one stage of my spell at St Andrews, the doubts began to creep in. I wondered whether I'd made a mistake by moving from Cardiff.

"I was out of the first team for 16 months at Birmingham and that's a long time. It seemed I was never going to get a chance.

"I couldn't really understand it because I was scoring regularly in the reserves while the first team were going through a bad patch.

"Now I'm concentrating on establishing myself as a First Division goalscorer. I've been out of the limelight for a long time and I've got some catching up to do," added Tony.

"I've now come to respect the club and I believe they respect me. That's why I signed a new contract."

Attacking

But Tony wasn't keen on signing a new long-term deal with the club. "I'm not keen on tying myself down. I want to wait until the end of the season and see what the position is."

Tony believes that Birmingham's new attacking style of play has helped him get among the goals.

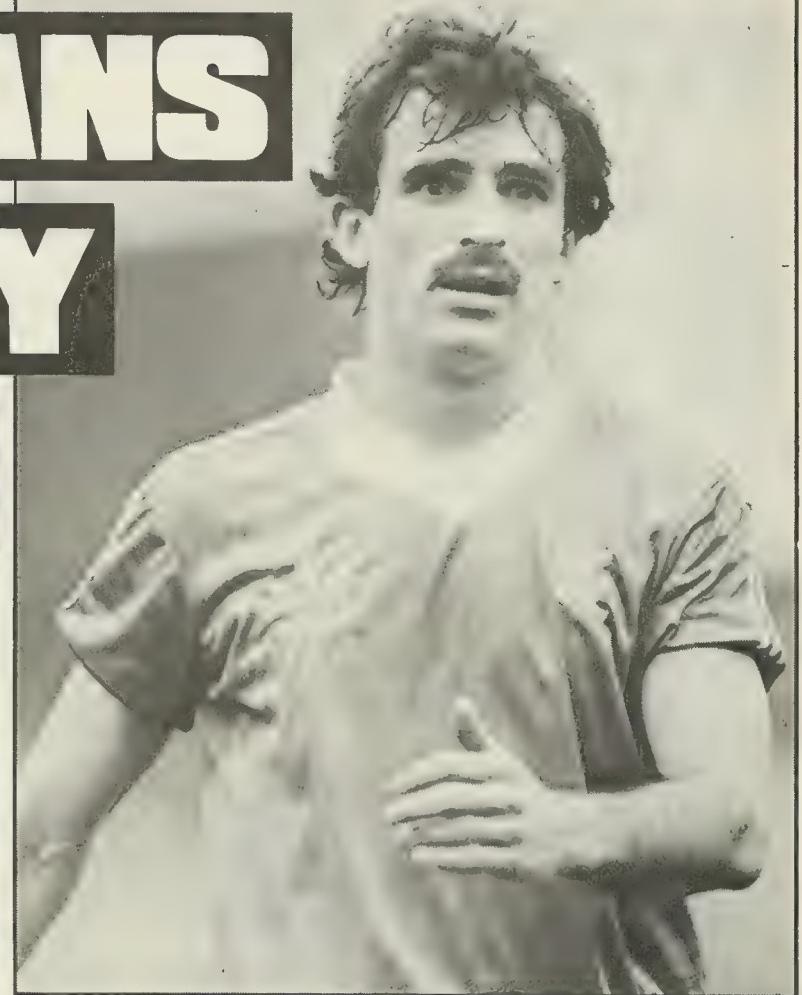
"I'm reaping the benefits of our attacking attitude. We're going forward so much that I'm getting lots of chances."

And despite being one of the First Division's leading goalscorers, the club find themselves struggling at the wrong end of the First Division.

"We should be much higher. We don't deserve to be down there," added Tony.

WHO AM I?

MY first team chances were limited at White Hart Lane and I moved to a Second Division club in November last season for £250,000. Now turn to page 21 for the next clue.



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FIRST DIVISION

| Player | Club | Games | Avg. |
|--------------------|----------------|-------|------|
| John Chiedozie | (Notts County) | 4 | 8.00 |
| Graham Rix | (Arsenal) | 3 | 7.66 |
| Trevor Brooking | (West Ham) | 3 | 7.66 |
| Terry Butcher | (Ipswich) | 3 | 7.66 |
| Bryan Robson | (Man. United) | 3 | 7.66 |
| Stan Cummins | (Sunderland) | 5 | 7.40 |
| Nicholas Pickering | (Sunderland) | 5 | 7.40 |



HILL CLIMBER

RICKY Hill (above), an important cog in the Luton machine that is driving towards the First Division, topped the Division Two ratings.

His five matches yielded an average mark of 8.20 in a month where Luton consolidated their position as promotion favourites.

Ricky, joint second the previous month to Charlton's Paul Walsh, finished well clear of Derby's Barry Powell and Chelsea striker Clive Walker.

SECOND DIVISION

| Player | Club | Games | Avg. |
|------------------|-------------|-------|------|
| Ricky Hill | (Luton) | 5 | 8.20 |
| Barry Powell | (Derby) | 5 | 7.80 |
| Clive Walker | (Chelsea) | 5 | 7.80 |
| Tony Towner | (Rotherham) | 4 | 7.75 |
| Derrick Christie | (Cambridge) | 3 | 7.66 |
| Glen Keeley | (Blackburn) | 5 | 7.60 |
| Mike Fillery | (Chelsea) | 5 | 7.60 |
| Simon Stainrod | (Q.P.R.) | 5 | 7.60 |
| Brian Horton | (Luton) | 5 | 7.60 |

Know your club

CREWE Alexandra



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RECORD ATTENDANCE: 20,000 v Tottenham, FA Cup 4th Round, January 30, 1960.

RECORD RECEIPTS: £5,388 v Wigan Alb., League Cup 1st Round, August 13, 1980.

PITCH MEASUREMENTS: 112yds x 74 yds.

LEAGUE RECORD: 1892 original members of Division Two; 1896 failed re-election; 1921 re-entered Division Three (North); 1958-63 Division Four; 1963-64 Division Three; 1964-68 Division Four; 1968-69 Division Three; 1969 Division Four.

HONOURS: Division Two best season, 10th 1892-93; FA Cup semi-finalists 1888.

RECORD VICTORY: 8-0 v Rotherham, Division Three (North), October 1, 1932.

RECORD DEFEAT: 2-13 v Tottenham, FA Cup 4th Round Replay, February 3, 1960.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS: 59, Division Four, 1962-63.

MOST LEAGUE GOALS: 95, Division Three (North), 1931-32.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN SEASON:

Terry Harkin, 34, Division Four, 1964-65.

MOST LEAGUE GOALS IN TOTAL

AGGREGATE: Bert Swindells, 126, 1928-37.

MOST CAPPED PLAYER: Bill Lewis, 12 (30), Wales.

MOST LEAGUE APPEARANCES: Tommy Lowry, 436, 1966-78.

RECORD TRANSFER FEE RECEIVED: £40,000 from Port Vale for Paul Bowles, September 1979.

RECORD TRANSFER FEE PAID: £10,000 to Derby County for Colin Chesters, September 1979, and to Sheffield United for Mike Guy, September 1979.

MANAGERS SINCE THE WAR: George Lillycroft, Frank Hill, Arthur Turner, Harry Catterick, Ralph Ward, Maurice Lindley, Harry Ware, Jimmy McGuinan, Ernie Tagg, Dennis Viollet, Jimmy Melia, Ernie Tagg, Harry Gregg, Warwick Rimmer, Tony Waddington, Arfon Griffiths (current).

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A MATCH Weekly picture special capturing all the drama of the League Cup Fourth Round as the battle goes on for a place at Wembley.

Right: Your off! Liverpool's Ray Kennedy is shown the way to the dressing room by referee Alan Seville following a clash with Arsenal's Peter Nicholas at Highbury. The game finished 0-0.

Far right: Action all the way as Spurs' Tony Galvin (white shirt) is sandwiched by Fulham's Tony Gale and Roger Brown (on ground). Spurs won 1-0.

Below: The ball is on its way into the net from the boot of Aston Villa striker Peter Withe (right) for the League Champions' last minute winner against brave Wigan. The final score was 2-1.



**GET
OFF!**

Right: Barnsley's Trevor Aylott (9) heads home his side's winning goal against Manchester City as Tommy Caton looks on. The win put Barnsley in the Fifth Round draw for the first time in the club's history.

Below: Delight in the Barnsley dressing room following the Yorkshire club's sensational 1-0 home victory over First Division Manchester City.

Barnsley battlers



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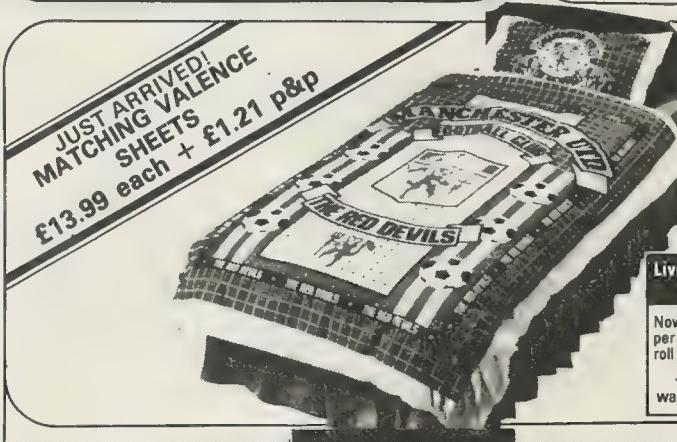


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Spotlight on the transfer trail. Anthony Hawkswell talks to the man the Wolves fans nicknamed super-sub who is now starting a new career in the Second Division ...

SAVED BY THE BELL

Blackburn rescue Norman from reserve team soccer

STRIKER Norman Bell claims he had to leave Wolves to save his career.

Blackburn's new £70,000 signing admitted: "My career was going downhill fast at Molineux. I wasn't enjoying my football."

"At 25-years-old, I felt it was desperately important for me to get regular first team football and I couldn't see any openings at Wolves. There were other players in front of me."

"This season has been so frustrating for me. Reserve football wasn't doing me any good at all."

"I'm really grateful to Blackburn for giving me a chance to prove myself," said Norman, who made just 78 League appearances in nine and a half years at Wolves.

"There's no incentive when you're playing in the reserves. In many respects it's harder than playing in the first team."

"The only place to be is in the senior side. I really missed the thrill of playing in front of the big crowds and my game was suffering," said Norman.

"I could have had a fairer crack of the whip at Wolves, but I feel no bitterness towards the club."

Last season Norman made just 12 full League appearances, but he earned himself the title of 'super sub' as he came on and scored three vital FA Cup goals as Wolves marched to the semi-finals.

"It wasn't too bad last term because I had a chance of making the first team and we were involved in the FA Cup. But even then, I knew the writing was on the wall."

"Manager John Barnwell said he'd let me go when he got a reasonable offer but I don't think he tried too hard until he realised he'd have to sell players to keep hold of Andy Gray."

Wolves have had a rough time this season — struggling to pull clear of the relegation zone amid rumours of boardroom battles between the chairman and manager.

Why I'd quit

Wolves

WOLVES super-sub Norman Bell wants regular first team football... even if it means leaving Molineux.

"If manager John Barnwell considers me as just a useful second player next season I hope he lets me go. I want to play for who's come from the substitute's bench — those three vital FA Cup goals."

"Their troubles have been blown up out of all proportion. People should keep quiet and let the manager get on with his job. All the talk just upsets the players and fans," said Norman.

"There's no way Wolves will get relegated this season. They're too good to go down to the Second Division."

"John Barnwell has bought a couple of new players and they need time to get settled in. It takes time to get used to a new style of play."

"Losing Kenny Hibbett so early on through injury didn't help because he's an important cog in the team, but I believe John Barnwell has got them back on the right track."

Now Sunderland-born Norman has his own sights set on a quick return to the First Division and he believes he can achieve that with Blackburn.

"There's an ambitious atmosphere



Above: New Blackburn striker Norman Bell. "My career was going downhill fast at Molineux."

Left: Flashback to the March 28 issue of Match Weekly when Norman admitted he was prepared to leave Wolves for first team football.

around Ewood Park. They're a progressive club who want to go places.

"Blackburn may not be getting big crowds, but the club are thinking big," said Norman, who made his debut in the 0-0 draw with Shrewsbury.

In fact, Norman was unlucky not to make it a goalscoring debut. He saw a header hit the inside of a post and a shot kicked off the line.

"It's early days yet but, from what I've seen of the team so far, I believe we can make a serious challenge for promotion."

"I was very impressed with my fellow striker Simon Garner. I reckon we can do well together because we complement each other. He's the type of player who likes to look for 'flick-ons' in the box."

WHO AM I?

I made one appearance for England back in 1971. Now turn to page 31 for the next clue.

Yugoslavia go through

YUGOSLAVIA have joined Italy in qualifying for the World Cup Finals from Group Five. They guaranteed their ticket with a 5-0 home defeat of Luxembourg at Novi Sad.

BOSS AXED

THE Rumanian disaster against Switzerland cost manager Stefan Kovacs his job.

His replacement, following that home defeat in the World Cup, is former Rumanian captain Mircea Lucescu.

The former Dinamo Bucharest player led his country in the 1970 World Cup Finals in Mexico and the 36-year-old only retired from playing two years ago.

Goals of the Karl-Heinz variety

KARL-Heinz Rummenigge just can't help scoring goals.

He followed up his hat-trick in the 8-0 drubbing of Albania, with two more in West Germany's 4-0 beating of Bulgaria.

Klaus Fischer and Manny Kaltz (penalty) completed the scoring in a match that guaranteed Austria a place alongside Germany in next year's World Cup Finals.

Bulgaria needed to win by five clear goals to force a play-off with Austria, but they never had a chance against the free-scoring Germans who have scored 33 goals in their eight qualifying matches.

WORLD CUP '82 Scrapbook

EL SALVADOR ELATION

EL Salvador have joined Honduras from the Americas zone of the World Cup.

Their place was assured when Mexico, needing two points to qualify, were held to a goalless draw by Honduras.

AGONY FOR ANTognoni

ITALIAN World Cup star Giancarlo Antognoni almost died in a collision with Genoa goalkeeper Martina during a recent First Division clash.

The Fiorentina midfield player received the kiss of life after the clash which resulted in him having

an operation for a double fracture of the temple.

According to reports, his heart stopped for around 25 seconds and the Genoa keeper broke down in tears because he thought Giancarlo was dead.

SPAIN HIT FORM

WORLD Cup hosts Spain continued their preparations with a 3-2 victory over Poland in Lodz.

Alonso, Alesanco and Ufarte got the Spanish goals, while Palasz and Boniek replied for the Poles in front of a crowd of 20,000.

But it was a blow to Poland who only last month had upset World Cup holders Argentina with a 2-1 victory in Buenos Aires.

Skipper Daniel Passerella put Argentina ahead in the first half, but Poland struck back in the second with goals by Boniek and Buncol.

Argentina also failed to impress against Czechoslovakia in front of their home fans.

They were held to a 1-1 draw with Valek replying for the Czechs

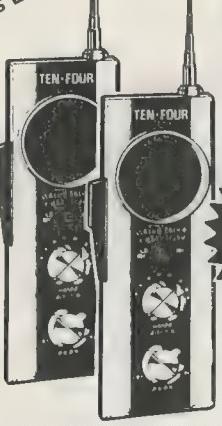


Ramon Alesanco — scored for Spain.

in response to a goal from Gallego. Brazil had a comfortable 3-0 win over Bulgaria in Port Alegre with goals by Leandro, Roberto and Zico.

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Nicky Slater (13), Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent.

"Don't tell me — the centre forward kicked it over the wall and they've sent you to get it back."

WORLD CUP SPECIAL

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PULL-OUT



WORLD Cup winner Alan Ball talks exclusively to Match about the current England team that's set for Spain and trying to emulate the victorious class of '66.

Alan, still going strong at the centre of Southampton's midfield, gives his views on who'll be the main contenders in Spain.

WORLD SHAKERS!

ALAN BALL

England can be surprise packet in Spain, says

"He should be a certainty in the side because I believe he'll shine in Spain. He's an all-round player. He oozes quality in everything he does."

"Bryan is a ferocious tackler and yet he's very good on the ball. I believe he'll respond to the challenge of Spain."

Alan also believes that Tottenham's talented young star Glenn Hoddle should be lining up alongside the former West Brom player in the England midfield.

"What disappoints me about the present England set-up is that you have to graduate through about three teams before you're considered good enough to play for the full side."

"My philosophy is that if players are good enough, they're young

you never know what might happen. Look at the European Championships in Italy in 1980.

"The host nation were one of the red-hot favourites and yet they struggled to reach the play-offs. Belgium surprised everyone by reaching the final. That's why I'd never write off England."

Alan isn't keen to make comparisons between the current crop of England internationals and the likes of Bobby Moore, Bobby Charlton, Geoff Hurst and Gordon Banks who took the trophy at Wembley in 1966.

"We were the best in England then and I believe the current squad is the best we have now. If I made individual comparisons, I'd be accused of sour grapes."

"But 36-year-old 'Ballie' doesn't hide his admiration for the country's most expensive player — £1.7m Bryan Robson of Man. Utd."



Tottenham midfield star Glenn Hoddle. He should have had his England chance long ago, says Alan Ball.

THE doom merchants are already writing off England as World Cup no-hoppers.

But Southampton's evergreen Alan Ball, a member of the victorious 1966 World Cup winning team, refuses to join their ranks.

Alan, who's the only member of that glorious team playing League football today, believes that England could surprise a few people in Spain next summer.

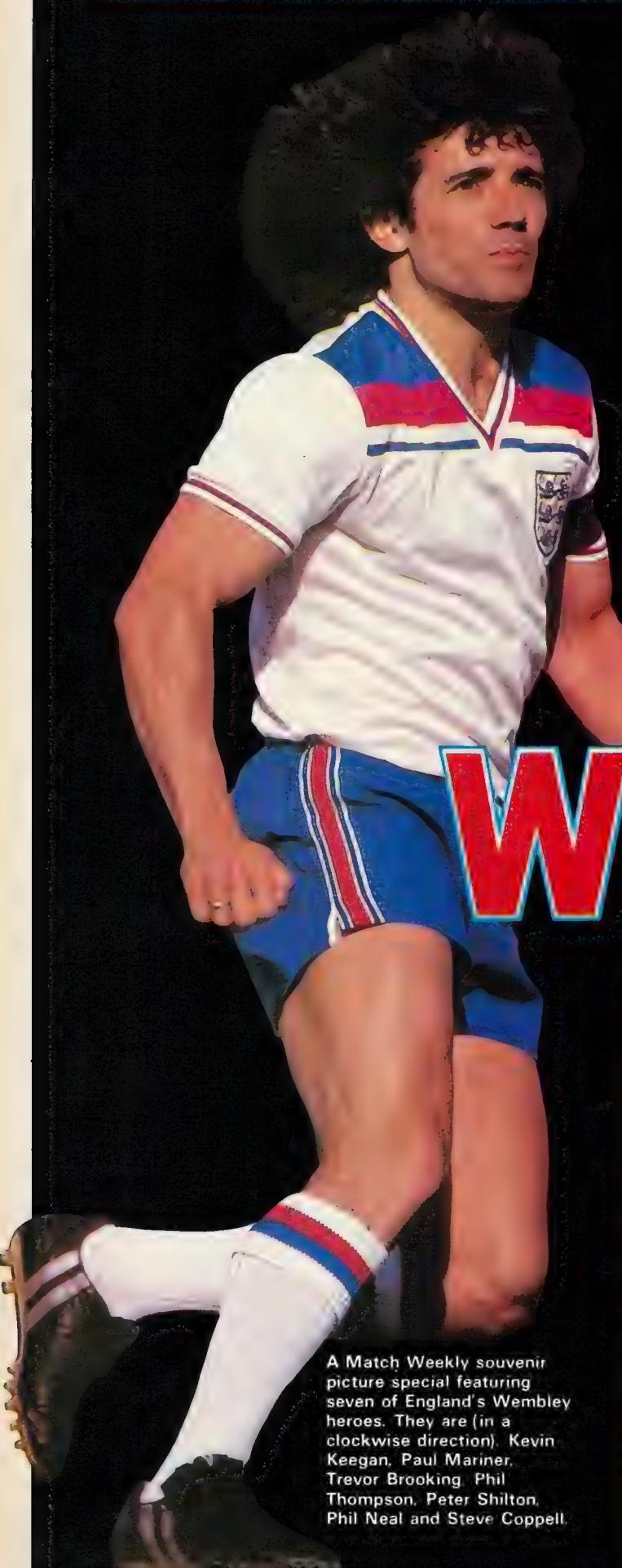
"They just managed to scrape through to the finals and I believe they're very lucky to have qualified at all," said Alan.

"But I've got a feeling that they could be one of the surprise packages of the championships."

"They haven't played as well as people would have liked and that could be just the spur they need," said Alan, who made his England debut back in 1965.

"In a competition lasting such a short time as the World Cup Finals,

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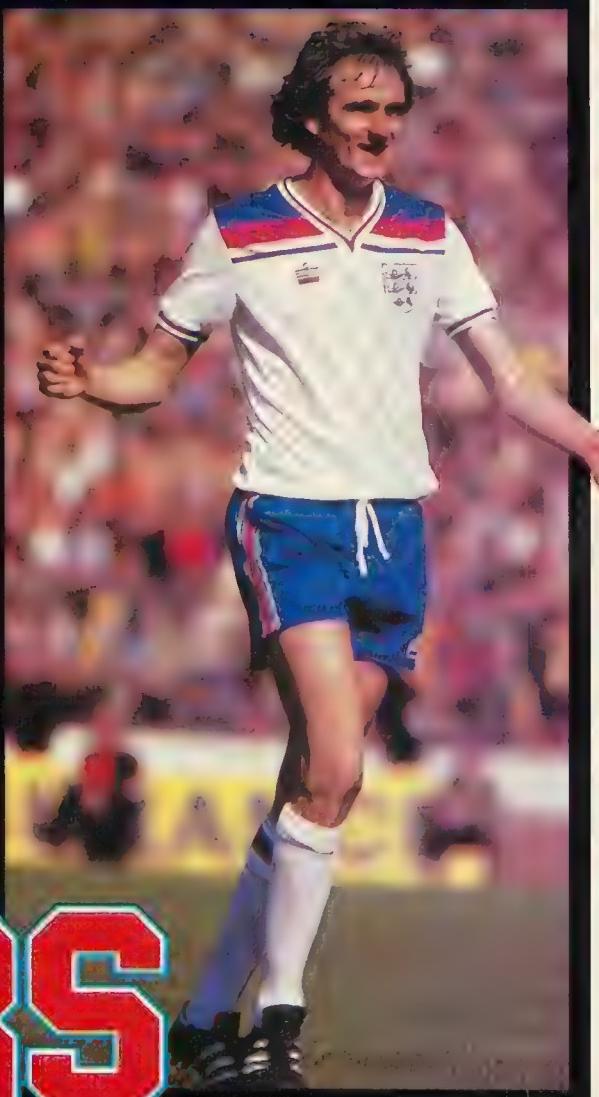
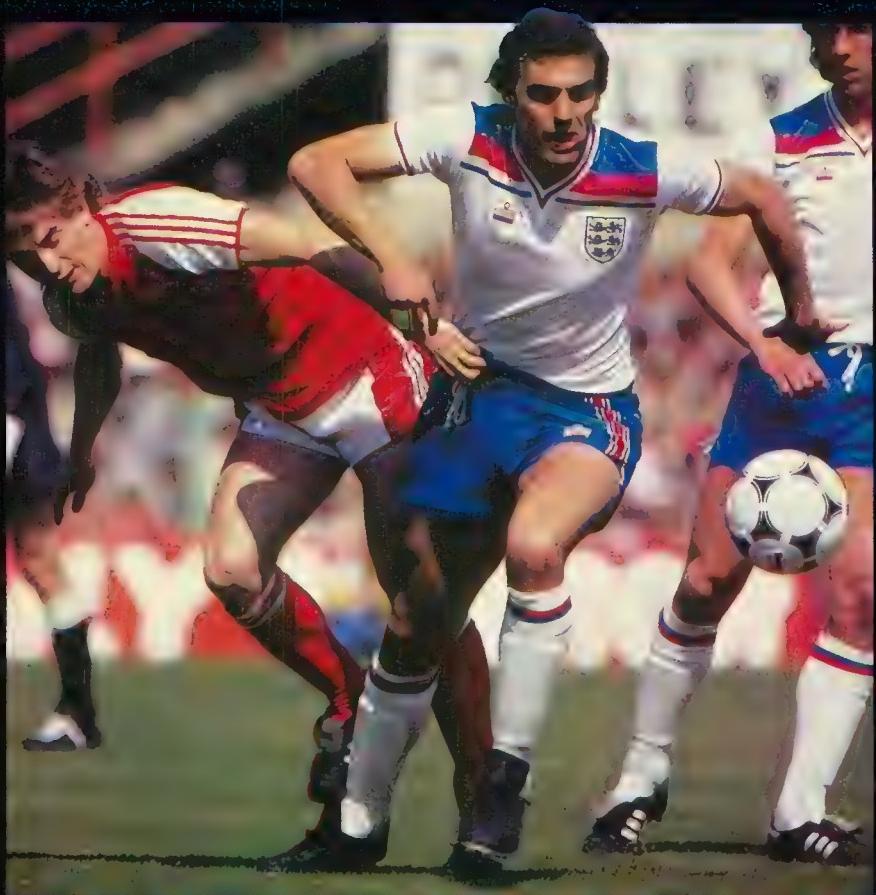


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WORLD CUP SPECIAL



WARRIORS



WORLD CUP SPECIAL

Wear it with pride

England shirt is the greatest honour, says

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enough. I see no point in bringing players on slowly even though they can do a job now.

"I believe Glenn Hoddle should have had his chance long ago. Being channelled through so many different teams doesn't help that much," said Alan, who made his England debut at 19-years-old.

On their way to Spain, many people questioned the players' commitment and accused them of being too concerned about money rather than the honour of playing for their country.

But Alan believes the appeal of pulling on an England shirt is just the same as it was when England last won the World Cup.

"It still means exactly the same. Playing for your country is one of the greatest honours you can achieve. I don't believe that has changed."

ALAN BALL

"Every England player gives his all in internationals even though there didn't look to be as much commitment against the Norwegians as there was in our final qualifier against Hungary.

"At Wembley against Hungary, the players were totally committed. But I believe you've got to get a balance between physical play and skill.

"Too much of either and you've got the wrong blend. The

important thing is to get the mixture just right," said Alan.

England face a tough task when they finally get to Spain with current holders Argentina, European Champions West Germany and three-times World Cup winners Brazil all hotly tipped to dominate the championships.

And Alan admits that teams like Brazil stand a much better chance of success because they've had more time to prepare for the finals.

"Brazil were one of the first qualifiers for the finals and they've had a settled side for the past two years. Ron Greenwood has to get a settled side within eight months.

"The Brazilians are my bet to take the crown because they're such a good side and have been playing together for a long time.

"Because they qualified so early, it gives them a big advantage. Their manager knows roughly who he's going to play. Ron Greenwood still has to find a settled combination," added Alan.

England have struggled on the World stage since winning the World Cup 15 years ago.

In fact, the last time they qualified off their own backs was in Chile in 1962. In the next two competitions, they went through to the finals as hosts and then winners.

"I believe we've been unlucky not to qualify since 1970. We were kept from going to West Germany in 1974 by a freak result against Poland.

"Against all the odds, they kept us to a 1-1 draw in a game I found totally unbelievable. We

Flashback to 1966. Alan Ball wears his England shirt with pride.

dominated the match so much.

"As far as I'm concerned, the only time we've missed out through our own fault was 1978 in Argentina.

"There's no doubt that the World Cup needs England to be in the finals. That's the feedback I get from people when I go abroad.

"People haven't forgotten that we're the home of football and it always generates so much more interest in the tournament if we reach the finals."

Alan played 72 times for his country and many people believe that he could have gone on to beat Bobby Moore's record of 108 appearances.

The former Everton and Arsenal star played his last game for England against Scotland way back in 1975.

And when you consider that many of the game's top names still believe he can do a job for his country, that proves he was retired from the international scene too early.

"I still think I can produce the goods at international level, but I realise there's not much chance of a recall," he admits honestly.

NEXT Week . . . Alan Ball joins Match Weekly. The fiery former England midfield star tells of his 17 years at the top.



Bryan Robson of Man. Utd. Alan Ball believes he'll respond to the challenge of the World Cup Finals.





We deserve
to be in
Spain,
says
**BRIAN
FLYNN**

Weep for Wales

WALES deserve to be in the World Cup Finals.

That's the opinion of skipper Brian Flynn following the disappointment of missing out on Spain by virtue of goal difference.

Czechoslovakia have taken their passport after drawing 1-1 with Russia in Prague following a campaign in which Wales looked all-over qualifiers until the final stages.

Then, defeats in Czechoslovakia and Russia and that ill-fated home draw with tiny Iceland finally put paid to their hopes.

As it turned out, that dropped point against the no-hoppers from Iceland on a night when Wales virtually threw caution to the wind in search of goals has cost them dearly.

Leeds midfield general Brian Flynn was a frustrated spectator that night at the Vetch Field because of injury, but he fully realises that Wales' World Cup hopes died with that shock result.

"We went after goals that night to boost our goal difference and, in the end, a 1-0 victory would have been enough to have taken us to Spain," says Brian.

"Obviously, that result has proved to be our downfall but it's easy, on reflection, to say that we should have played the Iceland game a different way."

"But I firmly believe that our performances over the campaign have deserved a place in the finals."

"From the outset, one could see that three teams would be fighting for the two places and,

when you weigh it up, we have missed out on Spain through one bad result against Iceland.

"Losing to Czechoslovakia and Russia was nothing to be ashamed of because they are good sides, particularly at home, but unfortunately we didn't get the luck with some of the other results.

"I mean, Russia are a very well organised side and on paper should have beaten the Czechs, but as with the Hungarians against England, one doesn't know how committed they were when playing with the knowledge that they were already in the Finals."

"Look at the favourable results England and Northern Ireland received to help their cause."

"We played quite well in Russia but two goals in a five-minute spell rocked us. I admit we didn't play well in Czechoslovakia."

For Brian, there will be another

Joey Jones appeals
...but there's no
place for him in Spain
next year.



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Last season, we were only the 23rd best team in the country, so it's satisfying to see that our cup form over the past two and a half years is being reproduced in the First Division on a regular basis.

At the start of the season, I felt we would do one of three things.

We would do well; we would do quite well; or we would have a disaster.

I felt we were capable of doing well; I felt sure we would do quite well; and I was fairly confident we wouldn't have a disaster.

If we can maintain this start going into the New Year then there is no reason why we

WEST HAM CAN WIN THE TITLE SAYS

shouldn't be looking for a place in the top three.

The margin between success and failure is very slight, and the difference at times may be as flimsy as confidence.

We work very hard and are playing with a great deal of confidence. Our results over the past two seasons or so are as good as any in the country.

We've certainly seen nothing to worry about, although I admit we were lucky to get a point out of Liverpool. It was almost a case that day of men versus boys.

But people are already writing off Liverpool. They claim they are on the decline, but I would rather wait until the end of the season before I would be so bold as to say that.

"In the past, we have been criticised for being a spectacular

West Ham super striker David Cross writes just for you and says why he believes 'Hammers' could win the title. Don't miss his regular column — it's only in Match.

team lacking consistency.

But now we are a very hard side to beat as First Division teams are discovering to their cost.

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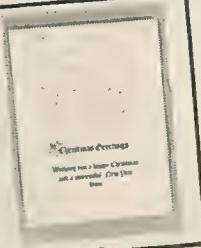
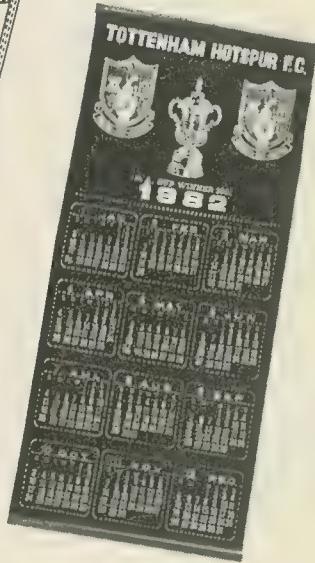
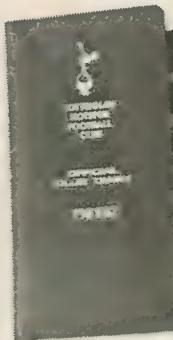
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NO-ONE DAVID CROSS

Personally, I'm more than satisfied with my start to the season. Those four goals at Tottenham early on gave me a big boost and I certainly can't complain about my goal tally so far.

I've not been in spectacular form, but most of my goals have been scored away from home where it's harder and points are so valuable.

One big plus for the Hammers this season has been the form shown by the younger players like Ray Stewart, Alan Devonshire, Alvin Martin and Paul Goddard.

They have adjusted to First Division football far quicker than I thought. I felt, in particular, that Alvin might struggle for a time, but he appears to be thriving in facing the best strikers in the country. And his form culminated in his

selection for England's vital World Cup game with Hungary.

It's easy to be biased but I don't think there is a better centre-half in the country at the moment.

But that form is based purely on one-third of a season. He must keep proving it year in year out like West Brom's John Wile.

People often ask me whether I regret never having had the chance to play for England.

Obviously, I would have loved to have represented my country, but I'm not disappointed at missing out.

Probably, I've only myself to blame because if I had produced my West Ham form earlier on in my career, then I might have pushed my name forward.

D. Cross



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Tydeman on the crest of a wave

Dick Tydeman — "At least we are proving to the Gillingham public that we want promotion."

Focus on Divisions Three and Four with Melvyn Beck

Rogers goes to Plymouth

ANDY Rogers, the 24-year-old winger Southampton picked up from college, has joined Third Division Plymouth for £50,000.

Andy was once on the books of Peterborough United, but decided on a teaching career after being unable to guarantee a first team place.

BOBBY IS FIZZING!

BRADFORD City striker Bobby Campbell has received a methusala of champagne in recognition

of being named one of the regional sports personalities of the month.

Mr David Edwards, managing director of Comben Homes Northern, presented the award to the former Aston Villa striker whose 14 goals have given Roy McFarland's Bradford side a promotion boost.

Bourne on trial

FORMER Derby and Crystal Palace striker Jeff Bourne has joined Fourth Division Blackpool on a month's trial.

Jeff has been playing in America with Seattle Sounders.

LIKE the 'Prodigal Son', Dick Tydeman has made a welcome return to home town club Gillingham to promote their historic bid for Second Division status.

After a five-year spell with Charlton, the blond midfield technician is back at Priestfield with a two-fold reason for promotion.

"It would be great for the club if we could get promotion this season for the first time in their history," he says.

"Also, it would be nice to show the fans that the club have ambition and are not content to simply bowl along in mid-table.

"I think that has been the case in the past with Gillingham and a lot of other clubs in the lower divisions.

"A few years ago, a side could stay in mid-table and survive on their gates.

"Now, with money in short supply, they can't do that and so they need success to bring in the crowds.

"Whether we can sustain our impressive start to the season is another matter, but at least we are proving to the Gillingham public that the players want promotion."

And Dick believes that new manager Keith Peacock, a former team-mate of his at Charlton, has instilled the right qualities in the squad to maintain their table-topping quest.

"We are not a great side by any measure of means, but I have seen nothing better in the division," says Dick who was a guiding light in Charlton's immediate return to Division Two last season.

"It was the same with Charlton last season. Everyone is working hard, we are well organised, and, apart from the odd day, there's no-one in the League who is going to take us apart.

"So if you have got 11 players willing to work for each other and the team spirit is there, then you have got as much chance of promotion as anyone else in the Third, because there's not a lot of difference between the top and bottom teams.

"With Charlton last season, we had probably the best pair of strikers in the division in Paul Walsh and Derek Hales.

Strengths

"At Gillingham, I feel we probably have the best pair of central defenders in Steve Bruce and Mark Weatherly, so our strengths are in that department."

Manager Keith Peacock returned from America in the summer to accept the challenge Gillingham presented, and he bought experience in Dick's former Charlton team-mate Colin Powell and Reading midfield player Richie Bowman.

"Over the past two seasons, I understand morale at Gillingham was pretty low which was to be expected with bad results," says Dick who played more than 200 League games for Gillingham before his £60,000 move to Charlton.

"Keith has lifted the morale and spirit in the club and players are wanting to play."

WHO AM I?

I scored the vital goal which saw Northern Ireland qualify for the World Cup Finals next summer. Now turn to page 42 to discover my identity.

SANSOM SHOCKER

KENNY Sansom of Arsenal is one of the worst players in British football.

He can only kick with one foot — a fact which was proved when instead of hooking the ball away once, he hit it with his left foot and put it past Pat Jennings.

Even York City's full-backs are better. Why Ron Greenwood picks Sansom for England I don't know. Andrew Ross, Fulford, York.

I'D like to know why Ron Greenwood DOESN'T pick him for England. Kenny is the best attacking full-back we've got and he'd be better than York's full-backs if he only had one leg! You're sent off.

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OUTRAGED!

Steady Spurs

I'M outraged about the way people criticise the Spurs defence. It always does its job when it's really needed — especially Graham Roberts, Chris Hughton and Paul Miller. So come on all you West Ham and Arsenal fans — give us a chance and we'll prove it. Patti Mehmet (14), Southgate, London.

WEST HAM gave the Spurs defence a chance and they blew it... by conceding four goals at White Hart Lane! You're booked.

OUTRAGED at something concerning soccer? Then write and tell us about it.

But remember, you risk the wrath of 'Match' referee who may book you or worse still send you off!

Write to 'Outraged', Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton Centre, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8QJ.

Wednesday fluked it

I'M outraged that John Motson commentates on football. If he has to do the job, they should put him on Northern football alone. He is obviously biased towards clubs in the North.

When Sheffield Wednesday played Luton he said Wednesday outclassed Luton, but it was a very even game.

Wednesday only won 3-0 through fluky goals.

Richard Smith, Hadleigh, Essex.

FLUKY 3-0 win! Rubbish. You're booked.

WE'RE STAYING UP!

I'M outraged that everyone seems to think that Sunderland will go down this season. No way!

They are a First Division team having a bad start — that's all. Liverpool, Ipswich and Villa watch out — once Sunderland hit form there will be no stopping them.

Gary Starling, Brandon, Co. Durham.

JUST how long is their bad start going to last. We are more than a third of the way through the season. You're booked.

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Peter Withe — he should come back into the England side, says Steve Hind.

Call up the young ones

NOW that England have finally qualified for Spain, it's time manager Ron Greenwood experimented and brought in new players.

He should blend youth and experience by using players like Tony Morley and Alvin Martin alongside the likes of Peter Withe.

Prepare

He's got seven months to prepare for the finals and he should use them wisely. If he does, I'm sure we'll finish in the top eight.

I don't think England will win the World Cup. We can't compete nowadays against the likes of West Germany, Argentina and Brazil.

But it's important that the players don't let us down. No-one wants to see the sort of performance we gave against Norway. Steve Hind, Intake, Doncaster.

Yorkshire terriers are the top dogs!



SOUTH Yorkshire — for so long one of football's depressed areas — is on its way back.

Sheffield Wednesday and Barnsley are two of Division Two's better sides and are both in the promotion race.

Rotherham, under new manager Emlyn Hughes, are

consolidating their place in the Second Division.

Even in the lower divisions, things are looking good for us. Sheffield United look like surging straight back up after slipping into the Fourth Division for the first time in their history and they're pulling in better crowds than Notts County!

The way things are going, at last two clubs from the area will be playing higher grade football next term.

M. Littlewood, Aston, Sheffield.

GREATEST NIGHT OF MY LIFE

THANKS Match Weekly for the greatest night of my life.

I was one of the lucky prize-winners of the England competition and won tickets to the vital World Cup qualifier against Hungary.

Just being there on the historic night was great. It's impossible to describe the atmosphere and the feeling of sheer delight when Paul Mariner scored his goal.

Although I didn't get home until 2am and had to be up at seven the next morning, I really enjoyed the match — thanks Match.

Mike Laney, Portishead, Bristol.

TERRACE TALK

AXE MARINER

HE MAY have scored England's winner against Hungary but I still don't believe Paul Mariner is good enough to play for his country.

Ron Greenwood should drop him after the amount of chances he missed against the Hungarians. A part-timer would have buried at least a couple of goals.

His goal was more luck than judgement and the Ipswich star should be replaced now.

Paul Kelly (15), Walton-Le-Dale, Preston, Lancs.

England must pick Hoddle

WHAT does Tottenham star Glenn Hoddle have to do to get picked for the England team?

I was outraged that manager Ron Greenwood didn't include Glenn in the team for the vital World Cup qualifier against Hungary.

Glenn hasn't been given a chance to show England what he can do. He's young and inexperienced, but the only way he can gain that valuable experience is to play for England.

Jennifer Harper (13), West Horsley, Leatherhead, Surrey.



Terry Curran — one of the stars helping to push South Yorkshire football back to the top.

DISGRACEFUL HUNGARIANS

WELL done England! You showed the Hungarians how to play calm, controlled football.

I was totally disgusted by the Hungarians. Players like Andras Torocsik just couldn't care less.

Just before the kick-off for the second half, he stood in the centre circle with his arms folded looking like a stuffed dummy! He was a disgrace to his country.

England, however, showed composure, determination and style. That attitude was epitomised by the performances of Trevor Brooking, Bryan Robson, Kevin Keegan and Tony Morley.

We're proud of you England!
Errol Brown, Bristol.

Clemence proves them all wrong

SPURS keeper Ray Clemence has once again proved all his critics wrong.
Everyone was saying he'd made a mistake to leave Liverpool and join Spurs and at first it looked as though they were right when he went through a spell of letting in 10 goals from just four games.
But now that he's got used to his defence, he's back to his best and recently went six games without conceding a goal.
In my opinion, he's still the best and deserves to be England's number one.
Arif Ghani, Longsight, Manchester.

Nice one, Ron

RON Greenwood has proved his critics wrong and led England to the World Cup Finals in Spain.

People said he should have brought in new faces but he stuck by his tried and tested players and they've rewarded his loyalty.

Now is the time to experiment with new players as we prepare for the finals.

In my book, the former West Ham manager is just as good as Brian Clough and thoroughly deserves to be in charge of our national team.
Antony Walton, Appleton, Warrington.

GOLDEN GOOF!

THE following Golden Goof was sent in by Alan Hall of Sheffield. It seems David McVay was in danger of being kicked out of London Road!

TALKING POSH

Lincoln manager Colin Murphy, who has just spent a club record £40,000 in buying back midfielder Glenn Cockrell from Swindon, has now had talks with Peterborough defender David McVay, available on a free kick.

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GOLDEN GOAL

PAUL MARINER
(England)

v. Hungary, World Cup
Wembley, Wed. Nov. 18, 1981



Above: Trevor Brooking (left) mis-hits his shot past the Hungarian defence.

Right: Paul Mariner (9) falls to the ground after connecting with the ball to send it goalwards.

Below: It's there! The Hungarian defenders appeal as Paul Mariner takes his goal lying down!



FALLING STAR!

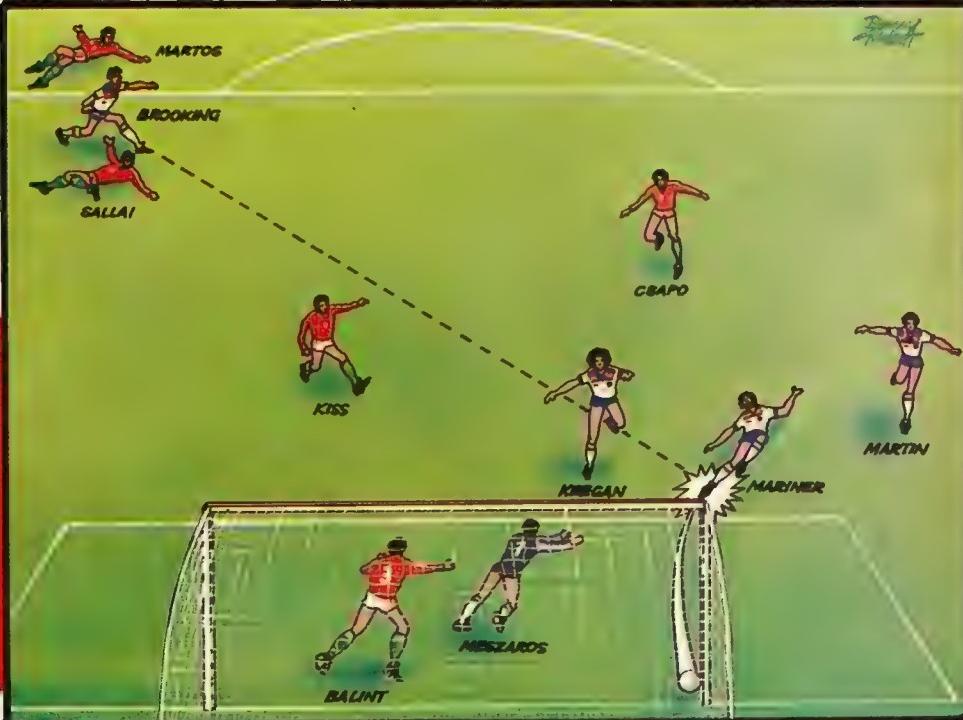
PAUL Mariner is unlikely to score a more important goal than the one that booked England's passage to the World Cup Finals in Spain.

It may not go down in the annals of soccer history as one of the greatest Wembley goals, but in terms of importance it has few equals.

Ipswich striker Paul recalls his Wembley winner against Hungary with justified pride: "Terry McDermott floated a free kick towards the far post where Alvin Martin nodded the ball down under pressure from the goalkeeper:

"Trevor Brooking slipped as he shot, but I was fortunate to be in the right place to deflect the ball just inside the upright."

"It may have looked as if I didn't know much about it, but I was in control of the situation - I didn't see the ball cross the line because I fell over!"





Scottish reader Steven McDonald picked a manager for his Star Gallery entry. "The big man will be a legend after the World Cup Finals in Spain," says Steven of Scotland boss Jock Stein.



Sunderland's Iain Munro is the choice of Simon Bartram (13) of Hebburn, Tyne and Wear. "I chose him because he is a good, hard defender and is due for some Scottish caps," said Simon.



This marvellous action picture of Argentina's Diego Maradona (right) came from Catherine Derrick (16) of Retford, Notts. Catherine chose Maradona simply because "he is the best player in the world".

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STAR GALLERY

HERE is another selection of super drawings sent in by Match Weekly readers. We pay £2 for every picture published — so why not send in a drawing of your favourite player telling us why you think he deserves a place in the Match Weekly Star Gallery.



Seventeen-year-old Gavin Ellis of Felthorpe, Norwich, chose Nottingham Forest striker Justin Fashanu for his drawing. "Justin's power in the air and close control make him one of our best strikers," says Gavin.



Below: Philip Sydenham (11) of Ladysmith Road, Exeter, believes Bryan Robson is one of England's best midfield players and that's why he sent us this great picture of the Manchester United star.



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Match Facts... Match Facts... Match Facts...

Wednesday, Nov. 25
 (OMMITTED FROM LAST WEEK)
FA Cup, First Round,
Replay

HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Newton 75)
 WIGAN (0) 0
 Att: 3,739
 Hartlepool: Burleigh 6, Brown 7, Stimpson 7, Hogan 7, Bird 6, ★LINEGHAN 8, Linacre, J 6, Newton 7, Linacre, P 7 (sub. Houchen 6), Sweeney 7, Johnson 7.
 Wigan: Tunks 7, Cribley 6, Weston 5, Wignall 4 (sub. Glenn), Methven 7, ★BRADD 8, Sheldon 7, Barrow 6, Quinn 4, Houghton 6, Evans 6.
 Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
 Match Rating: ★★★

Monday, Nov. 30
FA Cup, First Round,
Replay

PORT VALE (0) 0
 LINCOLN (0) 0
 (After Extra Time)
 Att: 4,769
 Port Vale: Harrison 6, Tatt 6, ★BROMAGE 8, Hunter 6, Sproson 6, Bowles 7, Chamberlain, N 6, Moss 6, Greenhoff 6, Armstrong 6, Chamberlain, M 7.
 Lincoln: Felgate 7, Turner, P 6, Turner, W 6, ★COCKERILL 8, Peake 6, Thompson 7, Shipley 7, Carr 6, Crammack 6, Cunningham 6, Gilbert 5.
 Referee: M. Lowe (Sheffield)
 Match Rating: ★★★

FA Cup, First Round,
Second Replay

HULL (0) 1 (Marwood 114)
 ROCHDALE (0) 0
 (After Extra Time)
 Att: 3,628 (Played at Leeds)
 Hull: Norman 7, McNeil 6, Booth 6, Roberts, D 6, Deacy 6, Roberts, G 7, ★MARWOOD 8, McLaren 7, Whitehurst 5, Mutrie 6, Swann 6.
 Rochdale: ★POOLE 8, Cooper 6, Weir 7, Dolan 6, Burke 6, Taylor 6, Esser 6, O'Loughlin 6, Hilditch 7, Wellings 7, Martinez 6.
 Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
 Match Rating: ★★★

Tuesday, Dec. 1
UEFA Cup
Third Round, First Leg

WINTERSLAG (Belgium) (0) 0
 DUNDEE UNITED (0) 0
 Att: 10,000

League Cup, Third Round,
Second Replay

WEST HAM (0) 0
 WEST BROM (0) 1 (Regis)
 Att: 24,502

League Cup, Fourth Round

WATFORD (1) 4 (Taylor 30, 88, Armstrong 48, Blissett 64)
 QPR (0) 1 (Stainrod, pen 82)
 Att: 18,276
 Watford: Sherwood 6, Rice 6, Terry 5, Bolton 6, Pritchett 5, Taylor 8, ★JACKETT 9, Callaghan 8, Blissett 7, Jenkins 7, Barnes 5 (sub. Armstrong 6).
 QPR: Burridge 5, Gregory 5, Fenwick 4, Waddock 5, Howe 6, Roeder 6, Hazell 5 (sub. Mickiewhite 5), Flanagan 6, ★SEALEY 8, Stainrod 7, Gillard 5.
 Referee: M. Baker (Wolverhampton)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

WIGAN (1) 1 (Houghton 9)
 ASTON VILLA (0) 2 (Cowans, pen 52, Withe 88)
 Att: 15,362
 Wigan: Tunks 8, McMahon 7, Glenn 7, Wignall 5 (sub. Wright 6), ★BRADD 9, Methven 7, Sheldon 6, Barrow 6, Quinn 5, Houghton 8, Evans 7.
 Aston Villa: Rimmer 6, Swain 7, Gibson 6, Evans 6, Williams 6, Deacy 6, Bremner 6, Shaw 6, Withe 5, ★COVANS 8, Morley 6.
 Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

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ARSENAL (0) 0
 LIVERPOOL (0) 0
 Att: 37,917
 Arsenal: Jennings 7, Hollins 5, Sansom 7, Talbot 5, O'Leary 7, Whyte 6, McDermott 6 (sub. Hankin 6), ★SUNDERLAND 8, Davis 6, Nicholas 6, Rix 7.
 Liverpool: Grobbelaar 6, Neal 6, Lawrenson 6, Thompson 7, Kennedy, R 4, Hansen 6, Dalglish 7, Whelan 5, Rush 5 (sub. Johnson 5), McDermott 6, ★SOUNESS 8.
 Referee: A. Sevilla (Birmingham)
 Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: R. Kennedy (Liverpool)

Wednesday, Dec. 2
FA Cup, First Round,
Second Replay

PORT VALE (0) 2 (Armstrong 53, Chamberlain, N 81)
 LINCOLN (0) 0
 Att: 5,373
 Port Vale: Harrison 6, Tatt 6, Bromage 7, ★HUNTER 9, Sproson 7, Bowles 6, Chamberlain, N 6, Moss 8, Greenhoff 8, Armstrong 7, Chamberlain, M 7.
 Lincoln: Felgate 7, Turner, P 6, ★TURNER, W 8, Cockerill 6, Peake 6, Thompson 7, Shipley 6, Carr 6 (sub. Hobson 5), Crammack 5, Cunningham 6, Gilbert 5.
 Referee: R. A. Banks (Manchester)
 Match Rating: ★★★

League Cup, Third Round,
Replay

BRADFORD (1) 2 (Ingham 45, Gallagher, pen 100)
 IPSWICH (1) 3 (O'Callaghan 15, Muhran 98, Turner 116)
 (After Extra Time)
 Att: 13,518
 Bradford: Ramsbottom 8, Podd 8, Watson 7 (sub. Chapman), ★INGHAM 9, Jackson 8, Wood 7, Gallagher 7, Staniforth 8, Campbell 7, McNiven 7, Ellis 8.
 Ipswich: Cooper 8, Burley 6, McCall 8, ★MILLS 9, Osman 7, Butcher 8, Wark 7, Muhran 8, O'Callaghan 8, Brazil 8 (sub. Turner 8), D'Avray 7.
 Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

League Cup, Fourth Round,

BARNESLEY (0) 1 (Aylott 52)
 MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0
 Att: 33,792
 Barnsley: Horn 7, Joyce 6, Chambers 7, Glavin 6, Banks 7, ★MCARTHY 8, Evans 6, Riley 6, Aylott 7, McHale 6, Barrowclough 7.
 Man City: Corrigan 6, Ranson 6, McDonald 6, Reid 6, Bond 6, Caton 6, Tuart 7, Reeves 7.

Boyer 6, ★HARTFORD 8, Hutchison 7.
 Referee: H. Taylor (Oadby)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 2 (Wallace 46, Rober 54)

TRANMERE (0) 0
 Att: 12,244
 Nott'm Forest: Shilton 7, Anderson 6, Gray 6, Proctor 7, Fairclough 6, Gunn 6, ★ROBER 9 (sub. Mills 6), Wallace 8, Fashanu 6, Walsh 6, Robertson 7.
 Tranmere: Enders 7, Mangall 6, Burgess 6, Mountfield 6, Bramhall 7, Morley 6, Hamilton 7, ★HUTCHINSON 8, Williams 7, Brown 6, Griffiths 7.
 Referee: A. W. Grey (Great Yarmouth)
 Match Rating: ★★★

TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Hazard 43)

FULHAM (0) 0
 Att: 30,214
 Spurs: Clemence 7, Hughton 7, Miller 6, Roberts 7, ★HAZARD 8, Perriman 7, Ardiles 7, Archibald 7, Galvin 7, Hoddie 7, Crooks 6.
 Fulham: Peyton 7, Hopkins 7, Strong 7, O'Driscoll 6, Brown 6, ★GALE 8, Davies 7, Wilson 6, Coney 7, O'Sullivan 7, Lewington 7.
 Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0
 IPSWICH (1) 1 (D'Avray 26)
 Att: 13,577
 Middlesbrough: Platt 6, Nattrass 5, Bolton 5, Ross 5, Baxter 5, ★McANDREW 7, Cochran 5, Otto 5, Woof 5 (sub. Ashcroft 5), Hodgson 5, Thomson 5.
 Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 7, McCall 6, ★MILLS 8, Osman 7, Butcher 7, Wark 6, Muhran 7, D'Avray 7, Turner 6, Parkin 6.
 Referee: A. Challinor (Rotherham)
 Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

CHESTER (0) 1 (Cooke 68)
 DONCASTER (0) 1 (Snodin, G 89)
 Att: 1,555
 Chester: Millington 7, Raynor 5 (sub. Cooke 7), Burns 6, Storton 7, Cottam 5, Blackwell 7, ★HORNSBY 8, Simpson 6, Ludlam 7, Phillips 6, Sutcliffe 6.
 Doncaster: Boyd 6, Russell 7, Cooper 6, Snodin 7, Lister 7, Dowd 5, Pugh 7, ★NIMMO 8, Douglas 7, Snodin 6, Harle 6 (sub. Mell).
 Referee: M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
 Match Rating: ★★★

Friday, Dec. 4

Division Two

CARDIFF (1) 1 (Micallef 31)
 DERBY (0) 0
 Att: 5,515
 Cardiff: Healey 6, Grapes 7, Gilbert 7, Maddy 7, Pontin 6, Bennett, G 7, Bennett, D 7, ★MICALLEF 8, Stevens 7, Hughes 6, Lewis 7.
 Derby: ★JONES 8, Osgood 6, Richards 7, Buckley 6, Sheridan 6, Powell 5, Coop 5, Hector 6 (sub. Skivington), Wilson 6, Swindlehurst 7, Emson 5.
 Referee: L. F. Burden (Dorset)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

Division Four

COLCHESTER (1) 2 (Allinson 14, Noble, og 87)
 BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Bamber 31)
 Att: 3,875
 Colchester: Walker 6, Cook 6, Coleman 5.

Leslie 5, Wignall 6, Wright 5, Adcock 6 (sub. Rowles 6), ★BREMNER 8, Osborne 7, McDonough 6, Allinson 6.
 Blackpool: Hesford 6, Simmonite 7, Hart 5, Wann 7, Pashley 5, Blair 5, Noble 4, Harrison 6, ★HOCKDAY 8, Bamber 7, Morris 6.
 Referee: A. Robinson (Waterloooville)
 Match Rating: ★★★

Saturday, Dec. 5

Division One

BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 (Evans, pen 34, 50)
 NOTTS COUNTY (1) 1 (McCulloch 13)
 Att: 11,914
 Birmingham: ★COTON 8, Langan 6, Dennis 7, Curbishley 6, Van den Hauw 5, Broadhurst 6, Dillon 7, Whatmore 6, Evans 7, Gemmill 7, Van Mierlo 7.
 Notts County: Avramovic 7, Benjamin 6, O'Brien 6, Hunt 6, Kilcline 7, Richards 6, Chiedozie 5, Goodwin 7, ★McCULLOCH 8, Hooks 7, Mair 7.
 Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwen)
 Match Rating: ★★★

BRIGHTON (1) 2 (Smith 30, Ritchie, A 81)
 SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Ritchie, T 21)

Att: 14,251
 Brighton: Moseley 7, Shanks 7, Nelson 6, Greishall 5, Foster 6, Gatting 6, Ryan 6, Smith 7, Robinson 7 (sub. Ritchie, A), McNab 7, ★THOMAS 8.
 Sunderland: ★SIDDALL 8, Venison 7, Munro 6 (sub. Chisholm 7), Elliott 7, Clarke 6, Ritchie 6, Buckley 6, McCrae 7, Bowyer 6, Pickering 5, Cummings 6.
 Referee: D. Reeves (Uxbridge)
 Match Rating: ★★★

EVERTON (0) 3 (Sharp 48, O'Keefe 60, 67)
 SWANSEA (0) 1 (Latchford 79)

Att: 23,860
 Everton: Arnold 7, Stevens 8, Ratcliffe 7, Walsh 7, Lyons 8, Kendall 7, McMahon 7, Ross 8, Sharp 7, Biley 7, ★O'KEEFE 9.
 Swansea: Davies 7, Robinson 8, Hadzibabic 7, Rajkovic 7, Irwin 8, Mahoney 8, Curtis 7, James, R 7, ★JAMES, L 9, Thompson 7 (sub. Stanley 7), Latchford 8.
 Referee: K. A. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
 Match Rating: ★★★

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 1 (Tuart 69)

ASTON VILLA (0) 0
 Att: 32,487
 Man City: ★CORRIGAN 9, Ranson 6, McDonald 6, Reid 6, Bond 6, Caton 6, Tuart 7, Reeves 6, Francis 8, Hartford 7, Hutchinson 6.
 Aston Villa: ★RIMMER 8, Swain 6, Gibson 6, Evans 7, Williams 6, Deacy 6, Bremner 6, Shaw 7, Withe 7, Cowans 6, Morley 6.
 Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0

IPSWICH (1) 1 (D'Avray 26)
 Att: 13,577
 Middlesbrough: Platt 6, Nattrass 5, Bolton 5, Ross 5, Baxter 5, ★McANDREW 7, Cochran 5, Otto 5, Woof 5 (sub. Ashcroft 5), Hodgson 5, Thomson 5.
 Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 7, McCall 6, ★MILLS 8, Osman 7, Butcher 7, Wark 6, Muhran 7, D'Avray 7, Turner 6, Parkin 6.
 Referee: A. Challinor (Rotherham)
 Match Rating: ★★★

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 0

LIVERPOOL (0) 2 (Lawrenson 57, Kennedy, R 59)
 Att: 24,521
 Nott'm Forest: Shilton 6, Mills 6, Gray 5, Proctor 6, Anderson 6, Gunn 5, Rober 6, Wallace 5, Fashanu 5, Walsh 5.
 ★ROBERTSON 7.
 Liverpool: ★GROBBELAAR 8, Neal 5, Lawrenson 7, Thompson 6, Kennedy, R 6, Hansen 6, Dalglish 5, Whelan 6, Rush 7, McDerrett 7, Souness 6.
 Referee: C. A. Maskell (Cambridge)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

SOUTHAMPTON (2) 3 (Moran 32, Keegan 41, Armstrong 89)
 MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 2 (Stapleton 26, Robson 52)

Att: 24,404
 Southampton: Katalinic 6, Golac 8, Holmes 6, Williams 7, Nicholl 8, Waldron 6, ★KEEGAN 9, Channon 6, Moran 7, Armstrong 7, Ball 6.
 Man Utd: Roche 6, Gidman 7, Albiston 6, ★WILKINS 8, Moran 6, McQueen 6, Robson 6, Birtles 6, Stapleton 7, Moses 6, McIlroy 5.
 Referee: D. S. Vickor (Ilford)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

STOKE (0) 1 (Heath 51)

LEEDS (2) 2 (Graham 2, Hamson 34)
 Att: 13,901
 Stoke: McManus 6, Evans 6, Doyle 6, Dodd 5,

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Hampton 6, Johnson 6, Bracewell 6, Heath 6, O'Callaghan 5, Chapman 5, ★**GRIFFITHS 7.** Leads: Lukic 7, Cherrington 6, Hart 6, Burns 6, Gray, F 6, Hird 6, ★**HAMSON 8.** Stevenson 7, Harris 6, Butterworth 6, Graham 7.
Referee: P. Tyldeley (Stockport)
Match Rating: ★★

TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Hazard 22)
COVENTRY (1) 2 (Hunt 40, Gillespie 69)
Att: 28,073
Spurs: Clemente 7, Hughton 6 (sub. Villa 6), Miller 6, Roberts 6, Hazard 6, ★**PERRYMAN 8.** Ardiles 7, Archibald 6, Galvin 6, Hoddle 7, Crooks 6.
Cowboys: Blyth 7, Thomas 7, Roberts 7, Jacobs 7, Dyson 7, ★**GILLESPIE 8.** Hendrie 6, Daly 6 (sub. Kaiser 6), Thompson 7, Hateley 7, Hunt 7.
Referee: M. Taylor (Kent)
Match Rating: ★★

WEST BROM (0) 3 (Regis 50, 87, Whitehead 85)
WOLVES (0) 0
Att: 23,378
West Brom: Grew 6, Batson 7, ★**STATHAM 9.** Whitehead 7, Wile 6, Robertson 6, Jol 8 (sub. King), Brown 5, Regis 7, Owen 7, Mackenzie 7.
Wolves: ★**BRADSHAW 8.** Palmer 6, Humphrey 6 (sub. Birch), Daniel 5, Gallacher 6, Berry 7, Matthews 6, Eves 6, Gray 6, Richards 7, Brazier 7.
Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
Match Rating: ★★

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Pearson 86)
ARSENAL (2) 2 (Whyte 15, Hollins, pen 45)
Att: 33,833
West Ham: Parker 7, Stewart 5, Lampard 6, Bonds 6, Martin 6, ★**DEVONSHIRE 8.** Barnes 5 (sub. Banton 6), Pearson 7, Cross 6, Brooking 7, Allen 7.
Arsenal: Jennings 7, Robson 7, Sansom 7, Talbot 7, O'Leary 7, Whyte 7, ★**HOLLINS 8.** Sunderland 7, Davis 7, Nicholas 6, Rix 6.
Referee: A. W. Grey (Great Yarmouth)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

BARNESLEY (0) 2 (Glavin 53, 73)
CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0
Att: 14,877

Barnsley: Horn 7, Joyce 7, Chambers 6, Glavin 7, Banks 6, McCarthy 7, Evans 6, Riley 6, Aylott 7, McHale 7, ★**BARROWCLOUGH 8.**
Crystal Palace: ★**BARRON 8.** Galliers 5, Boulter 6, Murphy 6, Cannon 6, Lovell 6, Brooks 5, Smillie 7, Langley 6, Mabbett 6, Hilaire 7.
Referee: D. Allison (Lancaster)
Match Rating: ★★★

BOLTON (0) 1 (Hoggan 58)
QPR (0) 0
Att: 6,076
Bolton: McDonagh 7, Whitworth 6, Bailey 6, Henry 7, ★**JONES 8.** Gowling 6, Chandler 6, Foster 6, Carter 7, Cantello 6, Hoggan 7.
QPR: Burridge 6, Gregory 7, Fenwick 7 (sub. Burke 6), ★**WADDOCK 8.** Howe 6, Roeder 7, Mickiewich 6, Flanagan 6, Sealy 7, Stainrod 6, Gillard 6.
Referee: J. M. Key (Rotherham)
Match Rating: ★★

CAMBRIDGE (2) 2 (Taylor 16, Reilly 44)
WREXHAM (0) 3 (Edwards 60, 70, Vinter 89)
Att: 3,172
Cambridge: Key 6, Donaldson 6, Murray 6, Christie 5 (sub. Smith), Fallon 6, O'Neill 6, Taylor 7, Spriggs 6, Mayo 6, ★**REILLY 8.** Gibbons 7.
Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 7, Jones 6, Bater 6, Dowman 6, Cegielski 6, Ronson 7, ★**FOX 8.** Hill 6, Edwards 7, Vinter 7, Carroll 6.
Referee: M. J. Boddenham (Sussex)
Match Rating: ★★★

CHELSEA (1) 2 (Hales 8, Lee 59)
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 1 (Bannister 50)
Att: 17,033
Chelsea: Francis 7, Wilkins 6 (sub. Brown 7), Hutchings 7, Hales 8, Droy 7, Pates 5, Mayes 7, Bustead 6, ★**LEE 9.** Walker 8, Filfrey 6.
Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, Sterland 6, Williamson 5, Smith 7, Shirtliff 6, Taylor 7, Megson 6, Leman 7, Bannister 7, McCullough 6 (sub. Hornsby 6), ★**CURRAN 8.**
Referee: B. Stevens (Gloucestershire)
Match Rating: ★★★★

NEWCASTLE (0) 0
BLACKBURN (0) 0
Att: 18,721
Newcastle: Carr 6, Brownlie 7, Saunders 6, Trewick 6, Carney 7, Haddock 6, Brown 6 (sub.)

Shoulder), ★MARTIN 8. Varadi 6, Wharton 7, Wardle 6.
Blackburn: Genoe 6, Branagan 7, Rathbone 7, Arnott 6, ★**KEELEY 8.** Fazackerley 7, Miller 6, Stonehouse 6, Brown 7, Garner 7, Brotherston 6.
Referee: M. G. Peck (Kendal)
Match Rating: ★★

NORWICH (0) 0
LEICESTER (0) 0
Att: 13,367
Norwich: Woods 7, Symonds 6, Donachie 6, ★**MCGUIRE 9.** Walford 8, Watson 8, Jack 5, Muzinic 7, Royle 7 (sub. Mendham 7), Bertsch 6, Bennett 7.
Leicester: Wallington 7, Williams 7, Leet 7, Peake 7, May 7, O'Neill 7, Lynex 8, ★**HERBERD 9.** Lineker 7, Wilson 7, Kelly 8.
Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)
Match Rating: ★★★

OLDHAM (1) 3 (Heaton 3, Steel 52, Wylde, pen 65)
GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Ford 6)
Att: 5,907
Oldham: McDonnell 6, Hollickin 6, Ryan 7, Keegan 6, Clements 6, ★**FUTCHER 8.** Wylde 6, Heaton 7, Steel 7, McDonough 7, Atkinson 6.
Grimsby: Batch 6, Moore 6, Crombie 6, O'Dell 5 (sub. Drinkell 6), Wigginton 6, Moore, K 6, Brolly 7, Ford 7, Whymarr 6, Mitchell 6, ★**CUMMING 8.**
Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★★

ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Towner 30)
ORIENT (0) 0

Att: 6,346
Rotterdam: Mountford 6, Forrest 7, Taylor 7, Rhodes 7, ★**STANCLIFFE 8.** Green 7, Towner 7, Gooding 7, Moore 7, Fern 6, Henson 6.
Orient: Day 7, Hughton 6, Cunningham 7, Taylor 6, Gray 6, Fisher 6, ★**GODFREY 8.** Silkman 6, Giles 6, Margrison 7, McNeil 6.
Referee: T. Fitzharris (Bolton)
Match Rating: ★★★

SHREWSBURY (2) 2 (Dungworth 5, Atkins 32)
LUTON (1) 2 (White 15, Donaghy 76)
Att: 5,259
Shrewsbury: ★**WARDLE 8.** McLaren 6, Johnson 7, Cross 6, Griffin 7, Keay 7, Tong 7, Dungworth 7, Atkins 7, McNally 6, Bates 6.

Luton: Judge 7, Stephens 6, Aizlewood 7, ★**HORTON 8.** Goodyear 6, Donaghy 7, Hill 6 (sub. Antic 6), Stein 6, White 7, Fuccillo 6, Moss 6.
Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★★★

WATFORD (2) 2 (Lohman 9, Taylor 41)
CHARLTON (0) 2 (Hales 74, Rice, og 83)
Att: 12,113

Watford: Sherwood 7, Rice 7, Pritchett 6, Taylor 7, Terry 6, Bolton 6, Callaghan 7, ★**BLISSETT 8.** Jenkins 6, Jackett 6, Lohman 7.
Charlton: Johns 7, Taylor 6, Ferns 6, Smith 7, Madden 6 (sub. Ambrose 6), Phillips 7, Elliott 7, Walsh 6, ★**HALES 8.** Berry 6, Robinson 6.
Referee: K. Baker (Rugby)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1 (Williams, B 66)
FULHAM (1) 2 (Coney 43, Davies 64)
Att: 4,489
Bristol Rovers: ★**THOMAS 8.** Jones, V 6, Williams, B 7, McCaffery 6, Hughes 6, Mabbutt 7, Barratt 5, Gillies 6, Stephens 7, Randall 6, Williams, D 6 (sub. Parkin 6).
Fulham: Peyton 7, Hopkins 6, Strong 7, O'Driscoll 6, ★**BROWN 8.** Gale 7, Davies 7, Wilson 6, Coney 7, O'Sullivan 6, Lewington 7.
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Abingdon)
Match Rating: ★★★

BURNLEY (0) 2 (Cassidy 58, Hamilton 84)
OXFORD (0) 1 (Brock 49)
Att: 4,346

Burnley: Stevenson 6, Laws 6, Wharton 7, Cassidy 6, Overton 6, Phelan 6, Dobson 7, Steven 6, Hamilton 7, ★**McGEE 8.** Young 7, Oxford: ★**BURTON 8.** Doyle 6 (sub. Thomas 6), Fogg 6, Jeffrey 7, Briggs 7, Shotton 7, Brock 6, Foley 6, Cassells 6, Jones 6, Smithers 7.
Referee: N. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★★

CHESTER (0) 1 (Cooke 71)

SOUTHERN (0) 1 (Greaves 64)
Att: 1,388

Chester: Millington 7, Needham 5, Burns 5, Storton 7, Cottam 6, Blackwell 5, Sutcliffe 6, Simpson 7, Ludlam 5, Phillips 6, ★**COOKE 8.** Southend: Keeley 6, Stead 5, Yates 6.

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Pennyfather 7, Moody 6, Cusack 5.
★GREAVES 8, Pountney 6, Spence 7, Mercer 7, Nelson 5.
 Referee: G. Owen (Anglesey)
 Match Rating: ★★

DONCASTER (0) 0
PORTSMOUTH (0) 0
 Att: 5,912

Doncaster: Boyd 6, Russell 6, **★COOPER** 9, Snodin, I, Lally 6, Dowd 6, Pugh 7, Nimmo 8 (sub. Dawson 6), Warboys 6, Snodin, G 7, Lister 8.
Portsmouth: **★KNIGHT** 9, McLaughlin 8, Bryant 7, Doyle 7, Aizlewood 8, Rollings 7, Hemmerman 7, Barnard 7, Tait 6, Cropley 7, Crown 6 (sub. Rogers 6).

Referee: B. Martin (Keyworth)
 Match Rating: ★★

EXETER (0) 0
CHESTERFIELD (1) 3 (Bonnyman 5, Green 60, Wilson 64)
 Att: 3,947
Exeter: Main 5, Rogers, M 5, Sparrow 5, Lester 4, Cooke 5, Roberts 5, Pullar 4, Rogers, P 5, **★KELLOW** 6, Delve 5, Hatch 5 (sub. Marker 5).
Chesterfield: Turner 7, Stark 7, O'Neill 7, **★WILSON** 9, Green 8, Pollard 7, Windridge 7, Henderson 8, Bonnyman 7, Kowalski 7, Walker 8.
 Referee: T. Glasson (Salisbury)
 Match Rating: ★★

GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (White, pen 81)
WALSALL (1) 4 (O'Kelly 21, 65, Penn 55, Rees 80)
 Att: 5,845
Gillingham: Hillyard 6, Sharpe 6, Ford 6 (sub. Overton 7), **★BRUCE** 8, Weatherly 6, Bowman 6, Powell 6, Tydeman 7, White 7, Lee 7, Price 7.
Walsall: **★GREEN** 8, Macken 7, Mower 6, Beech 7, Serella 7, Hart 7, Rees 7, Loveridge 6, Penn 7, Caswell 7, O'Kelly 7.
 Referee: J. Moyles (Ongar)
 Match Rating: ★★

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0
PLYMOUTH (0) 0
 Att: 6,949
Huddersfield: Taylor 6, **★BROWN** 7, Burke 6, Lillis 6, Sutton 6, Wilson 6, Stanton 5, Kennedy 5, Austin 6 (sub. Fletcher 5), Robins 6, Cowling 5.
Plymouth: Crudgington 6, Nisbet 7, Uzzell 6, Harrison 6, Phillipson-Masters 6, Cooper 6, Hodges 7, Cook 7, Sims 7, **★PHILLIPS** 8, Rogers 6.
 Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)
 Match Rating: ★★

MILLWALL (1) 1 (Chatterton, pen 32)
CARLISLE (1) 2 (Bannon 17, 69)
 Att: 4,740
Millwall: Gleasure 5, Martin 7, Warman 6, **★CHATTERTON** 8, Allardyce 6, Roberts 6, Hayes 7 (sub. Neal 7), Massey 6, Bartley 6, Horrix 6, West 7.
Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Parker 6, Rushbury 7, Haigh 7, Ashurst 7, Larkin 7, Crabbe 6, Robson 7, Lee 6, Bannon 7, **★STANIFORTH** 8.
 Referee: D. J. Axcell (Southend)
 Match Rating: ★★★

PRESTON (1) 1 (Bruce 43)
BRENTFORD (1) 3 (Bowen 34, 53, Johnson 90)
 Att: 4,162
Preston: Litchfield 6, Taylor 7, McAteer 6, O'Riordan 7, Booth 7, Doyle 7, Anderson 7, Clark 7, **★BRUCE** 8, Elliott 6, Sayer 7.
Brentford: **★McKELLAR** 8, Salman 7, Tucker 6, McNichol 7, Whitehead 7, Hurlock 6, Kamara 7, Bowen 7, Johnson 7, Bowles 7, Roberts 6.
 Referee: M. S. Heath (Stoke)
 Match Rating: ★★★

READING (1) 3 (Kearney 13, Webb, pen 69, Earles 72)
LINCOLN (1) 2 (Cammack 14, Shipley, pen 86)
 Att: 2,973
Reading: Fearon 5, Williams 4, Cullen 5, Webb 5, Hicks 6, Wood 5, Beaven 5, Earles 6, Dixon 6, Kearney 4, **★DONNELIAN** 7.
Lincoln: Felgate 5, Turner, P 5, Beaven, D 5, Cockerill 6, Peake 5, Thompson 6, **★SHIPLEY** 7, Carr 6, Cammack 5, Cunningham 4, Neale 5.
 Referee: M. L. James (Horsham)
 Match Rating: ★★★

SWINDON (0) 0
BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
 Att: 6,949
Swindon: Allan 7, Baddeley 7, Williams 7, **★HUGHES** 8, Lewis 7, Graham 7, Emmanuel 5, Carter 6, Rowland 7, Rideout 7, Pritchard 6.
Bristol City: **★MOLLER** 8, Stevens 6, Williams 7, Aitken 6, Boyle 7, Nicholls 7, Devine 6, Mann 7, Chandler 7, Harford 7, Tainton 6.
 Referee: J. E. Martin (Alton)
 Match Rating: ★★★

WIMBLEDON (0) 2 (Clement 65, Lazarus 73)
NEWPORT (2) 3 (Tynan 4, Elsey 8, Waddle 57)

Att: 2,056
Wimbledon: Beasant 6, Clement 7, Armstrong 6, Fishenden 7, Morris 6, Suddaby 6, Brown 6, Leslie 6, **★LAZARUS** 8, Downes 7, Joseph 7.
Newport: Kendall 8, Walden 7 (sub. Bishop 6), Relish 7, Davies 7, Oakes 8, Bailey 7, Vaughan 7, Lowndes 7, **★WADDLE** 9, Tynan 8, Elsey 8.
 Referee: I. J. Borrett (Diss)
 Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

BRADFORD (2) 2 (Jackson 3, McNiven 10)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 0
 Att: 4,875
Bradford: Ramsbottom 7, Podd 7, Watson 6, Ingham 7, Jackson 7, Wood 6, Gallagher 7, Staniforth 7, Campbell 6, **★MCNIVEN** 8 (sub. Chapman), Ellis 7.
Peterborough: Freeman 6, Butler 6, Collins 6, **★GYNN** 8, Smith 6, Phillips 6 (sub. Massey 6), Syrett 6, Kellock 7, Cooke 6, Hodgson 7, Chard 7.
 Referee: N. Wilson (Morecambe)
 Match Rating: ★★★

HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Newton 77)
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Heffernan 89)
 Att: 1,760
Hartlepool: Burleigh 7, Brown 7, Linacre, P 7, Hogan 6, Bird 6, **★LINIGHAN** 8, Linacre, J 7, Newton 7, Sweeney 7, Houchen 5, Johnson 7.
Bournemouth: Leigh 7, **★HEFFERNAN** 8, Sulley 6, Impay 5, Brignull 7, Dawtry 6, Smith 7, Williams 5, Spackman 6, Crawford 7, Funnell 7.
 Referee: D. Scott (Burnley)
 Match Rating: ★★★

HEREFORD (0) 0
ROCHDALE (0) 0
 Att: 2,312
Hereford: Brand 6, Price 7, Sullivan 7, Hicks 7, **★DOBSON** 8, Spirin 6, Harvey 7, Laidlaw 6, Phillips 6, Showers 5, White 5 (sub. McGrellis).
Rochdale: **★POOLE** 8, Cooper 6, Weir 6, Dolan 5, Burke 6, Taylor 5, Esser 6, O'Loughlin 6, Hilditch 5, Wellings 6, Goodwin 6 (sub. Hamilton).
 Referee: H. W. King (Merthyr Tydfil)
 Match Rating: ★★★

HULL (0) 1 (Mutrie 55)
CREWE (0) 0
 Att: 3,184
Hull: Norman 5, McNeil 7, Booth 6, Roberts, D 6, **★DEACY** 8, Roberts, G 5, Marwood 6, McClaren 7, Whitehurst 5, Mutrie 6, Swann 6.
Crewe: **★MULHEARN** 8, Lewis 7, Bowers 5, Salathiel 6, Griffiths 6, Haselgrave 5 (sub. Chester 5), Callaghan 5, Ricketts 5, Palios 6, Williams 5.
 Referee: B. Hill (Kettering)
 Match Rating: ★★★

NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Walsh 48)
 Att: 1,669
Northampton: Poole 7, Taylor 6, Saxby 6, Gage 6, Brady 7, Sandy 5, Buchanan 6, Heeley 5, Saunders 6, **★PHILLIPS** 8, Mahoney 5.
Darlington: Cuff 8, Kamara 6, Wilson 6, Smith 6, Skipper 7, Speedie 6, Stalker 6, McLean 7, Wicks 8, Hamilton 5, **★WALSH** 9.
 Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
 Match Rating: ★★★

NORTHERN (0) 0
DUNDEE (0) 1 (Sinclair 89)
 Att: 14,570
Celtic: Bonner 7, McGrain 7, Reid 6, **★AITKEN** 8, McAdam 7, Conroy 6, Provan 7, MacLeod 6, McCluskey 7, Burns 6, McGarvey 6.
Dundee: Blair 7, Barr 6, McLelland 6, Glennie 7, McDonald 6, Cameron 6, **★FRASER** 8, Bell 6 (sub. Kidd), Sinclair 7, Ferguson 6, Mackie 7.
 Referee: H. Alexander (Glasgow)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

DUNDEE UNITED (0) 1 (Bannon, pen 75)
HIBERNIAN (0) 0
 Att: 6,500
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Holt 6, Murray 7, Gough 6 (sub. Malpas 6), Hegarty 7, Narey 7, Kirkwood 6, Bannon 7, **★MILNE** 8, Sturrock 7, Dodds 6.
Hibs: McArthur 6, McLaren 6, Schaefler 7, Brazil 6, **★PATERSON** 8, Sneddon 6, Callaghan 7, Rae 6, Murray 7, MacLeod 6, Duncan 7.
 Referee: R. Cuthill (Wynchburgh)
 Match Rating: ★★★

MORTON (0) 2 (McNeil 57, Houston 72)
ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Hewitt 63)
 Att: 3,200
Morton: Barnes 7, **★HAYES** 9, Holmes 7, McLaughlin 6, Orr 6, Rooney 7, Busby 7, Docherty 6, McNeil 8, Hutchison 6, Houston 7, Aberdeen: Leighton 6, Kennedy 6, McMaster 5, (sub. Cooper 6), Simpson 7, McLeish 6, **★MILLER** 8, Strachan 7, Watson 6, McGhee 7 (sub. Hewitt 6), Black 7, Weir 6.
 Referee: D. Syme (Glasgow)
 Match Rating: ★★★

ST MIRREN (0) 2 (Bone 81, Stark 89)
PARTICK (0) 1 (Park 48)
 Att: 4,513
St Mirren: Thomson 7, McCormack 7, Beckett 6 (sub. Logan 6), Fulton 7, Copeland 6, Fitzpatrick 7, **★STARK** 8, Abercrombie 6, McAvinnie 6, Sommer 5 (sub. Bone 6), Scanlon 5.

Bury: Brown 6, Howard 6, Kennedy 6, Gore 6, Hilton, P 6, Cruickshank 6, **★MADDEN** 8, Mullen 7, Johnson 6, Jakub 6, Hilton 5 (sub. Constantine 6).
 Referee: T. Spencer (Salisbury)
 Match Rating: ★★★

TRANMERE (1) 2 (Hutchinson 18, Hamilton 90)
MANSFIELD (0) 2 (Morgan 61, 63)
 Att: 1,316

Tranmere: Johnson 5, Mungall 6, **★BURGESS** 8, Mountfield 6, Bramhall 6, Craven 6, Hamilton 7, Williams 6, Hutchinson 7, Kerr 5, Griffiths 6.
Mansfield: Arnold 6, McJannet 6, Foster 6, Bell 6, Burrows 6, Wood 6, Lumby 5, Morgan 7, Mann 6, Caldwell 7, **★PARKINSON** 8.
 Referee: A. Robinson (Radcliffe)
 Match Rating: ★★★

WIGAN (0) 2 (Houghton 52, Bradd 55)
HALIFAX (0) 0

Att: 4,022
Wigan: Tunks 8, McMahon 7, Glenn 6, **★BRADD** 9, Methven 7, Wignall 6, Sheldon 7, Barrow 5, Evans 6, Quinn 7, Houghton 8 (sub. Wright 6).
Halifax: Smelt 7, Chamberlain 6, Ayre 7, Evans 6, Carr 7, Hendrie 7, Ward 6, Davison 6, **★SPRUNER** 8, Graham 6 (sub. Whiteley), Firth 6.
 Referee: F. Roberts (Prestatyn)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

YORK (2) 2 (Walwyn 22, Kay 33)
STOCKPORT (2) 2 (Vaughan 14, Park 34)

Att: 1,762
York: Blackburn 6, Senior 5, Flood 5, Hood 4, Czczman 6, Kay 7, Pollard 7, Crosby 6, **★WALWYN** 8, Ford 7, Bentham 7.
Stockport: Lloyd 6, Rutter 6, Sherlock 6, Fowler 7, Thorpe 7, Vaughan 7, **★WILLIAMS** 8, Power 6, Sunley 6, Park 7, Smith 7.
 Referee: P. J. Richardson (Lincoln)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

PARTICK: Rough 7, Murray 6, Whittaker 7, Dunlop 6, **★ANDERSON** 8, Jardine 7, Doyle 6, Park 7, Watson 6, Johnston 7, Higgins 6.
 Referee: J. Simons (Ayr)
 Match Rating: ★★★

First Division

AYR (0) 2 (Morris 49, 53)
RAITH (0) 0
 Att: 780

CLYDEBANK (1) 2 (Millar 35, Coyne 66)
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 1 (McCann 88)
 Att: 400

DUNFERMLINE (1) 1 (McNaughton, pen 12)
KILMARNOCK (2) 2 (McBride 14, McDicken 24)
 Att: 2,000

EAST STIRLING (0) 0
MOTHERWELL (2) 6 (Carson 4, Forbes 44, Rafferty 47, Irvine 60, McClelland 69, McLaughlin, pen 89)
 Att: 970

HAMILTON (2) 2 (Brown 25, McDowell 44)
FALKIRK (0) 0
 Att: 1,000

HEARTS (0) 1 (Pettigrew 83)
QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 (McNiven, pen 90)
 Att: 3,971

ST JOHNSTONE (2) 5 (Weir 10, 75, Morton 23, Mackay 65, Brogan 88)
DUMBARTON (1) 2 (Blair 20, Kenny, pen 80)
 Att: 1,776

Second Division

ARBROATH (0) 2 (Gavine 76, Yule 90)
ALLOA (1) 1 (McComb 27)
 Att: 560

BERWICK (3) 6 (Lawson 32, 49, 56, Davidson 27, McCulloch 39, McGlynn 65)
ALBION (1) 1 (Burgess 41)
 Att: 745

EAST FIFE (1) 2 (Caithness 16, Scott 50)
BRECHIN (0) 2 (Mackie 80, Henderson 83)
 Att: 531

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CLYDE (2) 3 (Dempsey 12, Nevin 25, Hood 56)
Att: 350

MONTROSE (1) 2 (Campbell 9, Fletcher 65)
COWDENBEATH (1) 2 (Forrest, pen 38,
McFarland 67)
Att: 300

STIRLING (1) 2 (Kennedy 13, McNeil 88)
STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 3 (Murray 21, 64,
Jenkins, pen 72)
Att: 460

STRANRAER (0) 2 (Sweeney 85, Murphy 89)
FORFAR (0) 1 (McPhee 63)
Att: 506

LEADING SCORERS

(League, Cups, Total)

Division One

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Ps |
|-------------------------|----|---|----|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|----|
| Man Utd | 18 | 6 | 2 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 14 | 11 | 32 | | |
| Ipswich | 16 | 6 | 1 | 11 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 11 | 32 | |
| Stamford | 17 | 7 | 0 | 12 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 16 | 30 | |
| Swansea | 17 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 15 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 21 | 30 |
| Tottenham | 16 | 4 | 0 | 14 | 13 | 5 | 1 | 11 | 12 | 6 | 28 | |
| Arsenal | 16 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 10 | 27 | |
| West Ham | 16 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 19 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 14 | 9 | 26 |
| Nottingham | 17 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 14 | 26 |
| Man City | 16 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 12 | 25 |
| Liverpool | 16 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 9 | 24 | |
| Brighton | 17 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 17 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 24 |
| Coventry | 17 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 19 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 18 | 22 |
| Everton | 17 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 15 | 22 |
| West Brom | 17 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 12 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 12 | 21 |
| Stoke | 18 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 14 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 16 | 21 |
| Aston Villa | 16 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 12 | 9 | 19 |
| Wolves | 17 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 16 | 19 |
| Leeds | 17 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 13 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 5 | 26 | 19 |
| Birmingham | 16 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 19 | 13 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 18 |
| Hatters | 17 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 11 | 19 | 17 |
| Middlesbrough | 18 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 15 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 15 | 12 |
| Sunderland | 18 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 17 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 14 | 11 |
| Stapleton (Man. Utd.) | 9 | 0 | 9 | | | | | | | | | |
| Regis (West Brom) | 11 | 4 | 15 | | | | | | | | | |
| Keegan (Southampton) | 12 | 1 | 13 | | | | | | | | | |
| Chapman (Stoke) | 10 | 1 | 11 | | | | | | | | | |
| Cross (West Ham) | 9 | 2 | 9 | | | | | | | | | |
| Evans (Birmingham) | 9 | 1 | 10 | | | | | | | | | |
| Tuart (Man. City) | 8 | 2 | 11 | | | | | | | | | |
| Wallace (Notts' Forest) | 7 | 3 | 10 | | | | | | | | | |
| Goddard (West Ham) | 7 | 2 | 9 | | | | | | | | | |
| Latchford (Swansea) | 9 | 0 | 9 | | | | | | | | | |
| Moran (Southampton) | 8 | 1 | 9 | | | | | | | | | |
| Stapleton (Man. Utd.) | 9 | 0 | 9 | | | | | | | | | |

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| Celtic | 15 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 18 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 6 | 25 |
| Dundee U. | 14 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 19 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 18 |
| St. Mirren | 15 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 11 | 18 |
| Aberdeen | 15 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 10 | 18 |
| Rangers | 14 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 11 | 16 |
| Morton | 15 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 20 | 13 |
| Hibernian | 15 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 12 |
| Airdrie | 15 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 18 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 18 | 11 |
| Dundee | 15 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 15 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 8 | 23 | 9 |
| Partick | 15 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 10 |

First Division

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Ps |
|----------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Motherwell | 18 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 23 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 28 | 6 | 30 |
| Ayr | 18 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 20 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 11 | 23 |
| Kilmarnock | 18 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 7 | 22 |
| Clydebank | 18 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 16 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 17 | 12 | 22 |
| Hearts | 18 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 21 | 21 |
| St. Johnstone | 18 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 15 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 16 | 20 |
| Falkirk | 18 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 11 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 14 | 17 | 17 |
| Dunfermline | 18 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 12 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 13 |
| Queens Park | 18 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 18 |
| Hamilton | 18 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 17 | 15 |
| Dumbarton | 18 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 19 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 18 | 14 |
| East Stirlings | 18 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 15 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 16 | 13 |
| Raith | 18 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 14 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 13 | 12 |
| R of St. H. | 18 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 11 | 20 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 10 |

Second Division

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Ps |
|-------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Clyde | 18 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 17 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 9 | 28 |
| Berwick | 18 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 25 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 11 | 23 |
| Brechin | 18 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 18 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 11 | 24 |
| Forfar | 18 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 18 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 11 | 23 |
| Alloa | 18 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 19 | 22 |
| Arbroath | 18 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 18 | 22 |
| Cowdenbeath | 18 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 18 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 20 |
| Montrose | 18 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 14 | 14 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 13 | 17 |
| East Fife | 18 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 14 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 14 | 15 |
| Meadowlark | 18 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 14 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 10 | 15 |
| Albion | 18 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 15 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 11 | 25 | 12 |
| Stirling | 18 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 13 | 11 |
| Stenhousemr | 18 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 19 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 11 | 20 | 9 |
| Stranraer | 18 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 13 | 23 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 22 | 9 |

Division Three

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Ps |
|--------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| Chesterfield | 18 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 24 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 5 | 34 |
| Walsall | 18 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 32 |
| Carlisle | 18 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 12 | 32 |
| Southend | 18 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 12 | 11 | 29 | |
| Fulham | 18 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 15 | 29 |
| Gillingham | 18 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 18 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 13 | 29 |
| Brentford | 18 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 16 | 28 | |
| Brentford | 18 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 22 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 13 | 10 | 28 |
| Millwall | 18 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 14 | 13 | 28 |
| Oxford | 18 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 22 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 14 | 13 | 28 |
| Reading | 18 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 22 | 14 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 18 | |
| Doncaster | 18 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 11 | 25 |
| Bristol R. | 18 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 15 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 11 | 25 |
| Exeter | 18 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 21 | 22 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 12 | 17 | 25 |
| Lincoln | 18 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 14 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 13 | 14 | 23 |
| Huddersfield | 18 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 13 | 23 |
| Newport | 18 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 16 | 23 |
| Portsmouth | 18 | | | | | | | | | | | |

That was the week that was

Dec 12-
Dec 18

MATCH Weekly takes a fascinating look back at some of the important football events that took place this corresponding week in years gone by...

BEATTIE GOES HOME

TO MUM

Dec. 17, 1974.

TROUBLED times for Ipswich defender Kevin Beattie that seem to have continued in one form and another ever since.

It was on December 17, 1974 that the talented player disappeared on his way to report with the England Under-23 squad in Manchester.

He was eventually found at his family's home in Carlisle where he stated: "I am completely shattered. Life has got on top of me. I am no George Best, but I just want people to realise the pressures.

"I decided to go home and see my mum. She understands me better than anybody. I still want to play for England. I only hope Don Revie understands, and that my chances are not spoiled."

Revie, obviously upset by Kevin's disappearance, offered no comment until he had talked with Ipswich manager Bobby Robson.

Four days later, after first refusing the pleas of his team-mates to return to Portman Road, Kevin turned out for Ipswich reserves.

Revie eventually overlooked Kevin's walk-out for, within a year, he was receiving the first of his nine caps in the match with Cyprus.

Apart from that controversy, Kevin's career has been sadly dogged by a succession of knee injuries that have resulted in five operations.

He would surely have made more England appearances but for that terrible run of luck.

Now he is resigned to the fact that he will no longer be fit enough to face a full season in the First Division.



Dec. 12, 1977.

Ron gets the nod

RON Greenwood (above) is the new manager of England.

He is appointed up to the 1980 European Championship finals and Sir Harold Thompson, chairman of the selection committee, says:

"We shall not know whether we have done well for two years. Be patient. Ron Greenwood has great intelligence and knowledge at all levels. Ron will not be hurt by the 1980 limit.

"There is nothing to stop us giving him an extension or another job."

At a Press conference twenty four hours later, the former West Ham manager commented: "A

few years ago the public got what they deserved. It didn't matter how you won, by what means, as long as you won.

"The ball players in the game were destroyed by kicking them up the backside, by denying them space.

"It is my job to pick the players who will make England successful, playing the way we believe England should be represented."

Dec. 15, 1973.

LEEDS United break a 24-year-old record by defeating Chelsea 2-1 at Stamford Bridge. It meant they had dropped only six points in twenty unbeaten League matches.

Dec. 12, 1976.

CHARLTON striker Derek Hales becomes the most expensive player to leave the Second Division when he joins Derby for £280,000.

Dec. 15, 1976.

THE first ever official under-21 international, featuring England and Wales, ends in a goalless draw at Molineux.

Dec. 18, 1980.

WEST Brom midfield player John Trewick joins Newcastle for a club record £250,000.

Dec. 12, 1973.

FIVE headed goals give Tottenham a 5-1 UEFA Cup victory over Dynamo Tbilisi.

Dec. 12, 1979.

DUNDEE United win a major trophy for the first time by defeating Aberdeen 3-0 in a replay of the Scottish League Cup Final.

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WHO AM I?

YES, the man whose identity you have been searching for this week is Watford and Northern Ireland striker Gerry Armstrong. Look out for another fun-to-do who am I? quiz in next week's issue.

Spotlight on John Chiedozie — Match Weekly's First Division 'Matchman of the Month' for November . . .



WE WON'T GO DOWN

John Chiedozie — "It just makes us more determined to succeed when people write us off."

FLYING winger John Chiedozie has a message for the Notts County knockers . . . keep up the good work!

Almost as soon as they won promotion from Division Two, County were written off as favourites to go straight back down.

But 22-year-old John, a £600,000 signing from Orient during the close season, says:

"That just makes us more determined to succeed. I don't think we will go down and we'll see who is right at the end of the season!"

After 16 matches, County were placed fifth from bottom — averaging a little more than a point per game, mainly due to the club's poor away form.

Says John: "There

have been a few games where we should have picked up three points and haven't but, at the same time, we have surprised quite a few teams and you can take encouragement from that."

John missed a large chunk of the opening games with a hamstring injury he picked up when County played Ipswich.

But now he's right back in the swing of things and playing his best football for the club — proved by the fact that he has been named Match Weekly's 'Matchman of the Month' for November (see pages 16 and 17).

"I am an ambitious person and I'm enjoying playing at a higher level," he says.

"I'm now playing

against better players and better teams in general, but I haven't found it hard to adjust.

"Presently, I'm playing in a slightly deeper role than the one I played in at Orient but, if it makes me a better player for it, then all well and good.

"I've been quite pleased with my performances since I came back from injury."

Nigerian-born John made 145 League appearances and scored 20 goals for Orient before his move to Meadow Lane.

And looking back on his transfer he says: "The fact was Orient needed the money. They had to sell so they put me on the list."

"I was happy at Orient and it was sad to think they were so desperate."

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PAUL GODDARD

WEST HAM

FULL NAME: Paul Goddard.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Harlington, Oct 12, 1959.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 9ins/11st 6lb.
MARRIED: Yes to Debbie.
CHILDREN: None.
CAR: Capri 2.0 S.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Q.P.R.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None.
CLUB NICKNAME: None.
WORST EVER INJURY: Torn ankle ligaments.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Kenny Dalglish — almost the perfect striker.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Q.P.R.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Kempes — He just goes past people as if they weren't there.
BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, McGrain, Moore, J. Charlton, Sansom, Keegan, Giles, Brady, Best, R. Charlton, Law.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Q.P.R.'s Loftus Road.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Real Madrid's Bernabeu Stadium.
BEST GOAL SCORED: Haven't scored it yet but my semi-final goal against Coventry was most important.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Volley by Ian Edwards of Wrexham against Derby County last season.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Many.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: League Cup Final 1981.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Reaching Wembley for the first time.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: No major upsets yet.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf, tennis.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Pets and good food.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking and gardening.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: 'Hi-De-Hi.'
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Crossroads and documentaries.
FAVOURITE READING: War adventures.
FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER: Michael Jackson.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Roast beef.
FAVOURITE DRINK: None.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Germany.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: 'Every Which Way You Can.'BEST FRIEND: I hope I have many.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My coaches both at Q.P.R. and West Ham.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: The travelling and crowd violence.
SUPERSTITIONS: Always turn the stripes on my socks over.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Steak.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Three England Under-21 caps.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be well liked.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To help West Ham to further honours and hope other honours come along.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Coaching.
A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Mark Scavie (West Ham).
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Golfer Lee Trevino.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Listen to all advice, practice all you can, keep your feet on the floor.

